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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.45	8.55	9.05	9.20	9.35	9.50	10.05	10.20	10.35	10.50	11.05
Shatin Dep.	7.01	7.10	7.20	7.35	7.50	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	9.05	9.20
Tai Po Dep.	7.15	7.25	7.35	7.50	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	9.05	9.20	9.35
Market Dep.	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.55	8.10	8.25	8.40	8.55	9.10	9.25	9.40
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	9.05	9.20	9.35	9.50
Shung Shui Dep.	7.35	7.45	7.55	8.10	8.25	8.40	8.55	9.10	9.25	9.40	9.55
Chun Chiu Dep.	7.41	7.51	8.01	8.16	8.31	8.46	8.61	8.76	8.91	9.06	9.21
Canton Arr.	12.05	12.15	12.25	12.40	12.55	13.10	13.25	13.40	13.55	14.10	14.25

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Canton Dep.	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.45	8.60	8.75	8.90	9.05	9.20	9.35	9.50
Sham Shui Dep.	7.15	7.25	7.35	7.50	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65	8.80	8.95
Shatin Dep.	7.25	7.35	7.45	7.60	7.75	7.90	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65	8.80	8.95	9.10
Tai Po Dep.	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	8.60	8.75	8.90	9.05	9.20
Market Dep.	7.45	7.55	8.05	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65	8.80	8.95	9.10	9.25
Shung Shui Dep.	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.25	8.40	8.55	8.70	8.85	9.00	9.15	9.30
Chun Chiu Dep.	7.55	8.05	8.15	8.30	8.45	8.60	8.75	8.90	9.05	9.20	9.35
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.35	8.50	8.65	8.80	8.95	9.10	9.25	9.40
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WOMEN POLICE PRAISED.

POST-WAR WAVE OF CRIME.

DETECTIVES AND PUBLICITY.

Sir Charles Haughton Rafter, Chief Constable of Birmingham, in giving evidence before the Police Commission, over which Viscount Lee of Fareham presided, declared that he could see no usefulness in putting women into uniform and stationing them at certain corners, where they stood all day apparently doing nothing, as he had seen done elsewhere. "No independent body of so-called women police should be permitted. In all cases they should be members of the regular police force and under the direct control of the Chief Constable."

Sir Charles Rafter added: "The women police have been an unqualified success in Birmingham, though their duties are not quite what their advocates wish them to be. We think in Birmingham that we have discovered the true sphere of women's usefulness in police work. We need more, and I hope we will have them when finances permit."

Sir Charles Rafter remarked that there seemed to be a wave of very terrible crime since the war. The Chairman: Crimes of violence—Yes.

The Chairman, referring to the question of alleged improper pressure on witnesses, asked if any criticism had been directed against the police from outside sources.

Sir Charles Rafter: No. The Chairman asked if there had been any criticisms—by defending solicitors in the Birmingham Police Courts.

Sir Charles Rafter (smiling): Oh, that is an everyday occurrence.

Police And Public.

Sir Charles Rafter stated that the public idea was that a policeman was a villain, adding emphatically: "The policeman is a most respectable man for his class of life, as respectable as any in the country."

The Chairman: Possibly more respectable than many persons in our professions.

The Chairman: Do you find in Birmingham that the relations between the police and the public are good?—Very good indeed.

The Chairman: Are there not more points of irritating contacts between the police and the public than many years ago I leave out the question of motor-cases for the present?

Sir Charles Rafter replied that he did not think so. Last year in Birmingham they carried out 86,000 inquiries, and there were practically no complaints. He regarded the work the women police were doing as preventive work. They were removing persons from the streets who would otherwise be criminals in a very short time and putting them into respectable positions. Some of these cases were women that a policeman could not approach.

"It seems always to be forgotten," he added, "that the object of the Police Force is the prevention of crime. Great attention and great flair are given to detective work. Police work should be silent."

Detectives As Heroes.

The Chairman: Is the great publicity given to police work nowadays the result of greater activity on the part of the Press, or a greater desire on the part of police officers for advertisement?—It does not occur in my Force, but I am afraid it is growing. I do not wish to express opinions upon other Police Forces, but I do think it is a great pity and a great harm. It might possibly interfere with the interests of justice—Possibly it leads detective officers to forget that their principal duty is the prevention of crime. They get kudos for detecting crime by being made heroes, getting their pictures in the papers, and having detective stories about their cases.

I gather from what you say they do not get kudos from their chiefs?—They do not get kudos at all in the same way as they do for preventive work.

LAW OF THE RICH DIVORCED WIFE.

BARONET'S DAUGHTER AND A DOCTOR.

LOSS TO THE HUSBAND.

Damages amounting to £5,000 were awarded in the Divorce Court to Mr. Howard L. Willis, a Birmingham auctioneer, living at Hagley-road, Edgbaston, who was granted a decree nisi owing to the misconduct of his wife, Mrs. Winifred May Willis, a daughter of Sir William Waters Butler, Bt.

Mr. Willis said that his wife was now living in London with Dr. Gordon Herbert Hackney, a Birmingham doctor. Damages were claimed.

Dr. Hackney had put in no answer to the charge. The wife denied the misconduct, but did not contest the case.

An interesting question of law arose regarding a settlement amounting to £4,000 a year made by Sir William Butler on his daughter.

Power Of The Court.

Mr. Justice Hill: What is the law about loss under a settlement? The court will have power to protect the husband and the child.

He said that if the husband's loss were to be taken into account by the jury in assessing damages he would have the benefit of that twice over.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C. for Mr. Willis: So far as the husband has seen it, there is no life interest in it for him. He would not be a loser under the settlement, but he would lose the income which the wife was contributing to the household or for the benefit of the child.

Mr. Justice Hill: Yes, but on variation of settlement that can be secured to the husband.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams said that he would exclude loss under the settlement from his claim for damages at present.

Mr. Justice Hill, summing up, said that the ascertainment of damages in divorce was a prolix matter.

"Not Vindictive."

"We are not here," he said, "to punish wrong-doers. That is not the function of the Divorce Court. The damages must not be vindictive or by way of punishment."

The question was—what loss had the husband suffered by the loss of his wife, owing to the act of Dr. Hackney.

He added that in one way it might be said that the husband could not be compensated in cash for the loss of his wife, but the law gave the husband a right to monetary compensation.

The jury found that Mrs. Willis and Dr. Hackney had been guilty of misconduct.

The foreman of the jury, when asked about damages said: "My lord, we have considered this matter very carefully, and we think that there is no sum adequate to compensate the husband for his loss. The damages cannot be less than £5,000."

Mr. Justice Hill: Very well, £5,000.

An order was made for the payment of the damages into court within fourteen days.

THE ARMY AND THE LAW.

"POWER AND DIGNITY" OF A COURT RECOGNISED.

Mention was made in the King's Bench Division of the action of Aspinall v. British Instructional Films, Ltd., a claim by a soldier for damages for personal injuries, alleged to have been received while he was taking part in the making of a film, entitled "The Retreat from Mons."

Mr. Thorne Drury, K.C., for the soldier, said that he did not proceed with his application to expedite the trial, as one officer and ten men were being retained in this country until the action had been heard. He was sorry if anything he said when the matter first came before the judge produced the impression that there was any intention on the part of the men's Colonel on the Rhine to be disrespectful to the Court, or to encourage any persons to disregard a subpoena of the Court.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(December 15th.)

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
H.E. to Open Sports Club (King's Building) at noon.

Fanning Hunt Meet, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Crickets:—Division I: Navy v. Kowloon (F), Craigengower v. Royal Artillery (F), Hong Kong C.C. Under 30 v. Over 30 (F).
Division II: Indians v. R.A.S.C. (L), Kowloon v. Recreation (L), Hong Kong Electric v. Craigengower (F).

Football: Lai Wah Cup Final.

Second Division: Eastern v. Queen's, St. Joseph's v. Navy, South China "B" v. University, K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., Chinese v. South China "A", Small Units v. Kowloon, Recreation v. Royal Artillery.

Royal H.K. Yacht Club 5th Championship Race.

H.K. Philharmonic Society: "Tom Jones," Theatre Royal, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Barbed Wire."

World Theatre: "The Prince of Pilsen."

Star Theatre: "The Escape."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, King Edward Hotel, and St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Principal European Mails:—Inward: London via Messageries, letters and parcels (Aeneas); Europe via Siberia (Pres Monroe). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kamo Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Chekiang), 10 a.m.

Sunday.

(December 16th.)

3rd Sunday in Advent.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning, semi-final of championship.

Fanning Hunt: Paper Hunt (December Cup) Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Tennis: Chinese R.C. Mixed Doubles Final.

Crickets:—First Division: I.R.C. v. H.K.V.D.C. (F).

K.O.S.B. Band Concert, Botanical Gardens, 4 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Patsy."

World Theatre: "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," 5.15 and 9.15 at 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese Picture "The Lady Detective."

Star Theatre: "The Bugle Call."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

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No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

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1 Pt. D.O.M.
1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy
1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky
- 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port
2 Qts. St. Julien Claret
1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 Qt. Vino da Paso Sherry
1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy
1 Pt. Peppermint G.F.
1 Pt. D.O.M.
2 Qts. Superior Rich Old Port
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in the Hong Kong Market yesterday in rice, sugar and foodstuffs included the following transactions:-

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Seal White Long Rice, 350 bags	\$7.27
Red Kwai Yu White Long Rice, 102 bags	6.93
Green Horse White Long Rice, 40 bags	7.53
Red Seal Pink Rice, 179 bags	5.92
Green Lion White Long Rice, 1,327 bags	7.07
Red Lion White Long Rice, 1,937 bags	6.93
Blue Lion White Long Rice, 300 bags	6.90
Red Seal New White Rice, 773 bags	5.53
Double Green Line White Glutinous Rice, 174 bags	7.13
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 250 bags	7.13
New Style White Rice, 82 bags	5.51
Black Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 300 bags	6.51
Blue Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 115 bags	6.53
Blue Seal No. 2 White Rice, 43 bags	6.03
Blue Seal White Brewer Glutinous Rice, 177 bags	6.73
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 207 bags	6.63

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 450 bags	\$6.73
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	6.68
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar, 1,000 bags	6.70
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.23

Miscellaneous.

Wood Oil, 200 cans at \$31.30 per can.

Red melon seeds, 30 bags at \$26.00 per bag.

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations for rice, sugar, and flour in yesterday's market in Canton were as follow:-

Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi Native Rice	\$11.15
Pak Kan Yok Native Rice	6.80
Ping Chow Glutinous Rice	12.00
Green Lion White Annam Rice	9.53
Red Lion White Annam Rice	0.63
Red Double Sword Annam Rice	9.90
Green Double Arrow Annam Rice	9.75
Red Bell Siam Rice	8.75
Green Elephant Siam Rice	8.75
Red Z Siam Rice	10.03
Red Stars Siam Rice	9.43
Three Marks Siam Rice	9.43

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar	\$ 8.00
No. 3 coarse powdered sugar	7.30
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar	7.60
No. 1 granulated sugar	9.40
No. 1 fine granulated sugar	10.10
Refine sugar	8.50
Wai Chow white sugar	10.10

Flour.

Man-of-War	Per Bag.
Silver Seal	\$4.90
Banana	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	3.95
Sword of Kwantai	4.30
Cannon	4.80
White Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.50
Dog's Head	4.60

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Water Works	Per Case.
Electric Power Co.	\$3.20
Hankow-Canton Railways	0.48
The Sun Company	8.45
Sincere Company	9.20
Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.	3.70
Canton Tramways	1.90
China Merchant S.S. Navigation Co.	4.30
Central Bank	6.60

CANTON KEROSENE OIL MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 14th.	Per Case.
New Star	\$7.70
New Balance	7.45
New Hang Fook	7.25
New Eagle	7.15
New Sheng Hi	7.25
New Daybreak	7.25

SLUMP IN SALT PETRE.

DECREASED MILITARY CONSUMPTION.

One of the consequences of the cessation of civil war in China is a falling off in the demand for salt-petre. Makers of crackers and other fireworks are still in the market but there is little inquiry for the article from those engaged in making more damaging explosives. The salt-petre market in Hong Kong is now very dull and quotations have recently dropped from \$20 to \$13 a picul.

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

INACTIVITY ATTRIBUTED TO PROPOSED STAMP LEGISLATION.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

In their report on the local share market, dated yesterday Messrs. Benjamin & Potts state:— Although money appears to be plentiful the uncertainties of the proposed Stamp legislation continue to act as a deterrent on the employment of funds in the local share market, and very little business has resulted.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have remained fairly steady and were realised again at \$1,322. The London quotation stands at \$140 (Middle). Union have changed hands at \$360. Hong Kong Fire and Marine Insurance Co. have been obtained at \$780. China Underwriters have receded to \$2.35.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are enquired for at \$290. Union Waterboats can be placed at \$220. China Providents have eased off to \$4.96. Kowloon Wharves again fetched \$133. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were negotiated at the outset at \$9.35, but close slightly easier with sales reported at \$8. Hong Kong Lands have further declined to \$84. Shanghai Lands have had a smart rise to \$1.60, due to an issue of bonus shares in the proportion of one new share to five old. Humphreys Estates have been dealt in at the reduced rate of \$14.50.

Hong Kong Trams fell away to \$19 but have since recovered to a buying quotation of \$19.50. Hong Kong Electric were booked down to \$22 and \$21 for the old and new shares respectively. China Lights and were put through at \$12. A sudden demand for Star Ferries has lifted the price from \$67 to \$69. China Buses were sold to the North at \$13.50.

CANTON COTTON YARN REPORTS.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

No. 42 Five Sols	December 13th.
Fui Hee	\$352.00
Butterfly	313.00
No. 32 Pine Deer	468.00
Tin Koon	460.00
Double Horse	454.00
No. 20 City of Gold	327.00
Globe	323.00
Ho Chao	318.00
Double Horse	323.00
Tia Koon	324.00
Double Elephant	314.00
Tram Car	310.00
Man Clock	310.00
Shepherd	313.00
Three Star	314.00
No. 18 Globe	308.00
Fui Kwai	302.00
No. 12 City of Gold	292.00
Peacock	285.00
Tram Car	275.00
Aeroplane	275.00
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	263.00
City of Gold	265.00
Peacock	267.00
Lotus Bee	257.00
No. 6 Lion	210.00
Lion No. 2	198.00

THE WEAVING INDUSTRY.

There are several weaving factories in Hong Kong, and the volume of business done with England, Germany and Japan in woven goods, such as singlets, socks, shawls, etc., amounts to over \$2,000,000 a year. Local productions are inferior to the imported goods, and although every description of woven goods is manufactured here, none of them are up to foreign goods. In some cases, German products are cheaper.

Since the anti-Japanese boycott came into force, the hope was expressed that local weaving factories would capture a portion of the trade, but this hope has not been realised owing to the difficulty in getting yarn. The pickets ruthlessly seized such goods on the ground that they had come from Japan. The Chinese factories have been forced to buy yarn from India, and as these take a long time in transit and prices are higher, the prices of the Japanese goods, which were created, making competition impossible.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

The following quotations, current in New York on December 7th, have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Co., Shanghai, who assume no responsibility for cable mutilations.

Market closed weak.

Business done, 5,425,000 shares.

Stock	Previous Price.	Latest Price.
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	227	226
American Can (Com.)	105 1/2	105 1/2
American Smelting	105 1/2	105 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	192 1/2	192 1/2
American Tobacco "B"	181	178
Armour & Co. "A"	184	184
Armour & Co. (Ill.) 7% Pfd.	108	108
Anacosta Copper	133 1/2	130
Bancitaly Corp.	400	397
Bank of Montreal	44 1/2	44 1/2
Barnardell Corp. "A"	77 1/2	72 1/2
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	122 1/2	122 1/2
Bethlehem Steel, 7% Pfd.	89 1/2	88 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transp.	100	100
Calumet & Hecla	234 1/2	232 1/2
Camp Corp.	39 1/2	37 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	105 1/2	105 1/2
Carnegie Steel	134	137 1/2
Chicago Gt. West. Railroad	105 1/2	105 1/2
Chile Copper	83	77 1/2
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	84 1/2	84 1/2
Coty Incorporated	184 1/2	184 1/2
Davison Chemical	184 1/2	184 1/2
De Pont de N. E.I. (Com.)	184 1/2	184 1/2
Eastman Kodak	101 1/2	97
For Film "A"	64 1/2	64 1/2
General Cigar	182	181
General Electric Co.	210 1/2	209 1/2
General Motors	108 1/2	108 1/2
General Ry. Signal (Com.)	140 1/2	133
Gold Dust	81 1/2	77
Granby Consolidated	48	45
Harcort	87 1/2	83 1/2
Hudson Motor Car	83	81 1/2
International Cement (Com.)	98 1/2	98 1/2
International Match, Pfd.	217	210
International Nickel (Com.)	54	53
International Paper Co. (Com.)	14 1/2	14 1/2
Inter. Paper Corp. (Com.)	16 1/2	15 1/2
Kelvinator	139 1/2	135 1/2
Kennecott Copper	109 1/2	109 1/2
Lippitt & Myers, Chem. "B"	90 1/2	87 1/2
Lorillard Co. (Com.)	27 1/2	27 1/2
Mack Trucking	20 1/2	20 1/2
Madison Square Garden	20 1/2	20 1/2
Maytag Co.	27	26
Missouri Pacific Pfd.	127 1/2	127 1/2
National Dairy Products	53	51 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	150 1/2	143
Packard Motor Car (Com.)	72 1/2	70 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	49	47
Phillips Petroleum	410	396
Radio Corporation	158 1/2	156 1/2
Raymond Tobacco "B"	74 1/2	74 1/2
Standard Gas & Elec. (Com.)	73 1/2	69
Standard Oil of California	90	86
Standard Oil of Indiana	56 1/2	53
Standard Oil of New Jersey	40 1/2	38 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	71 1/2	71 1/2
Texas Corporation (Com.)	146 1/2	146 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	190 1/2	190 1/2
Timken Roller Bearing	213 1/2	208 1/2
Union Carbide	104	100
Union Pacific R.R. (Com.)	62 1/2	62 1/2
U.S. Inter. Security Pfd.	50 1/2	50 1/2
U.S. Leather	40 1/2	39 1/2
U.S. Realty & Imp. Co.	163 1/2	157 1/2
U.S. Steel	98 1/2	90 1/2
Vanderbilt Corp.	31 1/2	29
Wright Aeronautical	261	251

PARIS STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following quotations, current in Paris on December 6th, have been received by the Banque Franco-Chinese which assumes no responsibility for cable mutilations.

Bank of France	Fr.
Bank of Paris	23.800
Compt. Rendu	4.800
Crédit Foncier de France	2.960
Crédit Industriel	3.700
Crédit Lyonnais	7.420
Crédit Mobilier	4.870
Crédit Agricole pour l'Agriculture	3.920
etc.	1.850
Suez	24.400
P. L. M.	1.260
Nord	2.180
Orléans	1.060
Chem. de Fer de l'Indo-Chine	3.230
Thomson Houston	900
Produits Chimiques d'Alsai	3.790
Forges and Camargue	1.260
Kuhlmann	226
Secteur Marcinelle	700
Petit Clémence	2.380
Raffinerie Say	711
Crédit Foncier de l'Indo-Chine	14.100
Crédit Industriel de l'Indo-Chine	7.150
Eaux et Electricité de l'Indo-Chine	7.000
Tramways de l'Indo-Chine	12.000
Charbonnages du Tonkin	2.350
Ciments Portland de l'Indo-Chine	1.120
China	1.120
Caoutchouc Indo-Chine	1.120
Tecres Bourse	256
Caoutchouc de Cambodge	266
Financière des Caoutchoucs	3.720
Tramways de Shanghai	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 13th.	
Paris	124.15
New York	4.95 1/2
Brussels	34.39
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.355
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.10
Vienna	34.475
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	19 1/2
Madrid	28.75
Lisbon	111
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Athens	275
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bucharest	807 1/2
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Shanghai	2/7
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Singapore	2/7 1/2
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Do.	2,140 nom.
Chartered Banks	224 buy.
Mercantile Banks, A. & B.	214 nom.
Do.	214 nom.
P. & O. Banks.	224 nom.
East Asia Bank:	224 buy.
Canton Insurance	224 sel.
Union Insurance	224 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 160 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	M. \$50 nom.
China Underwriters	\$2.45 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$220 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$780 sel.
Douglases	\$224 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	\$29 buy.
H.K. Tugs	\$1.40 sel.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$45 buy.
Do. (Def.)	\$72 buy.
Shell Transport	118 sel.
Union Waterboats	324 buy.
Benguet	324 nom.
Kailan Mining Admin.	73 buy.
Langkat (combined)	Tls. 11 nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 64 nom.
S'hai Explorations	Tls. 2.55 buy.
Shanghai Loans	2.83 sel.
Bank	Tls. 3 buy.
Tromoh Mines	\$1 sa.
H.K. & W. Docks	178 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$35 sel.
China Providents	\$490 buy. 5.05 sel.
Hongkows	Tls. 158 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 54 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 104 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 13.40 buy. 134/80 sa.
Oriental Cottons	Tls. 2.40 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old)	Tls. 854 buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 32 buy.
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MONEY & MARKETS.

SHANGHAI MARKET REPORTS.

EFFECT OF BOYCOTT ON BRITISH TRADE.

The North China Daily News of December 8th, in its review of the week's business, says there is no special feature to report. In the Piece Goods market, the Yuenfong auction totalled 357 packages and a very satisfactory tone was evident. Dyed goods were a little disappointing, with orders not particularly plentiful, with the result that speculators had matters a little too much their own way. Prices were slightly lower. Italians registered a drop of 1½ mace and Black Venetians were 1½ mace down.

On the other hand, there was a distinctly brighter tone for Greys and Whites and the market was very much more active than for a considerable time past. White Shirtings and Greys both were up one mace. An outstanding feature in White Shirtings was the renewed activity from Tientsin, and the opinion is expressed that the boycott is tightening up with consequent increased demand for British goods.

Dealers state that the famine in Honan is having a distinctly adverse effect on trade in Hankow, and also that the demand from Shantung is practically nil.

Cotton.

On the local Exchange, Yarn shows practically no change from a week ago but cotton is one or two mace up per picul. In New York, American cotton is slightly easier. Deliveries from local mills continue fairly brisk, and there has been an increased demand for cloth.

There are still very heavy stocks of Shensi cotton in Shanghai and with actual business before them, holders are inclined to be reasonable.

Indian cotton still is too dear to be purchased by Shanghai mills.

China Cotton.

In their weekly report on China cotton and Yarn, Messrs. J. Spunt & Co. write:—

During the early part of the week our market continued dullish but towards the close there transpired a little more of activity than has been experienced for some time past and due to the little demand on the part of local mills prices rose about 25 candareens higher than the level last attained and whereon a fair volume of business may be said to have been consummated.

As to the immediate future trend of the market taking into consideration the continued steadiness both in Americans and Indians as well as the significance of the apparently reduced receipts from the interior marts, there is every indication of prices appreciating but the extent of which will be regulated more or less by the degree of strength in the expected demand on the part of shorts covering and which would naturally tend to indicate taking advantage of current offerings at ruling rates.

Yarn.

We have no change to report in the position of the local yarn market, in that prices ruling are nearly the same as last reported except some of the lower counts having been sold at about 1½ to 2½ cheaper than that of the previous week with a fair amount of business being booked for export to Szechuen. Conditions as regards fine counts continue steadily to improve and inquiry in this line has been considerable while stocks are very small. Spinners firmly maintain their prices and propose to increase their outputs in this direction.

Produce.

For the time of year markets continue to be dull. There is a fair general inquiry from abroad but actual business done is small, local dealers generally have adopted a strong attitude and are unwilling to meet European buyers' ideas but the latter show no tendency at present to raise their limits. A few transactions in dry hides, goat skins and sundry articles have been reported but there is little activity in any market. Japanese buyers are purchasing dry cow hides at considerably over the parity of limits from home markets.

Metals.

The local market is practically lifeless. There is nothing of interest to report but a few small transactions have been brought to book from Tientsin dealers. There are no inquiries from local dealers and it is thought that there will be little improvement before China

PRACTISING AS A DOCTOR.

CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE.

EVIDENCE OF EXPERTS.

The case in which Wong Sing Pun is charged with practising as a doctor without being a duly registered and qualified person was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, giving evidence as an expert on drugs, said that he was present with Inspector Lane at defendant's premises where they took possession of English-made compressed tablets, synthetic drugs, blue pills and other medicines tabled in the list submitted to Court.

The essential difference between Chinese and Western medical practice was that the former used drugs in their crude form whereas the Western practitioner used only the pure active principals extracted from them.

In answer to his Worship's witness stated that he had made a study of Chinese drugs used in the Colony and had a collection of 450 different kinds of drugs, all of which were crude. In witness's opinion Chinese physicians have only started to use European derivatives of the drugs.

Cross-examined by Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the defence, witness said that he examined only a part of the drugs removed from the defendant's office. Witness agreed that a large number of Chinese physicians were practising Chinese medicine whose names were not on the register. He also agreed that it was the duty of every medical practitioner, whether Western or Chinese, to keep himself as up-to-date as possible.

Old Chinese Traditions.

Mr. Loseby further asked if witness also knew of any Chinese physician whose father was not of the same occupation.

Mr. Lindsell: I suppose the family traditions must start somewhere. There is a possibility of the race dying out and a new start being made somewhere.

Mr. Loseby: The race started, according to tradition, with one. There are such things as doctors multiplying in accordance with the increase in the population.

Mr. Loseby: As an expert witness you are aware that it was the practice among Chinese to hand down medical knowledge from father to son keeping it in the same family?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby suggested that the practice of medicine was not confined to the doctors, that there were other people who were also practising medicine. He referred to the nurses, dressers, and even the members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Witness: I don't think these people can be properly described as practising medicine. They carry out certain specified medical duties. Questioned further, witness said he was not aware that Chinese practitioners confined themselves to one proprietary medicine handed down to them with the family traditions.

In answer to Inspector Lane, witness agreed that, being in concentration form, European drugs would be more dangerous in the hands of Chinese practitioners.

Dr. Kirk's Views.

Dr. E. M. Kirk, another medical expert called by the prosecution, said he had been practising in China since 1910 and had been up country for a number of years. He had several personal friends among Chinese herbalists and he had consulted with them. "Herbalist," witness said, was the most convenient term to apply to the Chinese practitioner, but it was not a suitable term to describe Chinese practice entirely because there were other branches such as minor surgery where they used plasters.

Westerners also knew that Chinese practitioners used needles and also a method of counter-irritation by pinching and suction, which left livid marks on the skin. Those methods were of great antiquity.

In reply to Mr. Loseby, witness stated that what he meant to convey when he said that he consulted Chinese herbalists was that they had sought his advice.

Dr. Kirk also agreed with Mr. Dovey's definition of the essential difference between Western and Chinese medicine except in the things he had mentioned.

The evidence of several Chinese witnesses in the afternoon closed the case for the prosecution. Mr. Lindsell then adjourned the case until Thursday afternoon to hear the defence. Mr. Loseby said he had several important points of law to argue and indicated the authorities he would quote. His submission was that no offence had been disclosed, and it was no offence if a Chinese practitioner introduced into his practice certain European methods.

TOWN TOPICS.

Unrehearsed Shows; A Kowloon Contrast; St. Peter's Church Repairs; A Motor Boat Danger; Seasonal Greetings Overseas.

Unrehearsed Shows.

The exigencies of space cause a great deal of trouble in the Colony. It is certainly unfortunate that Manila Shows—an excellent entertainment, which is drawing people of all nationalities—should have been allotted exactly the place where it is being held. There is no need to particularise about some of the streets opposite. It is a pity, however, that certain gallant seafarers—not from the British Navy—should patronise the Ferris wheel, aeroplanes and roundabouts clad in what might be euphemistically called "fancy dress," and accompanied!

An English lady protested to an Indian constable about the behaviour of one party, but the gallant guardian of the law after a good look at the offenders decided that, alone and unaided, he could not undertake the formidable task of ejection. As he couldn't leave his post to get help he fell back on the good old adage—Maskee!

A Kowloon Contrast.

Opposite the Peninsula Hotel there has sprung up, as if by magic, a charming little garden, where little more than a week ago was an untidy piece of waste ground. A few hundred yards further along the road is an enclosure where the European children of Kowloon spend a large part of their daylight hours. The contrast between the two is sharp—one bright, pretty and cheerful, the other arid and dirty.

The residents of the Hotel have decoration and luxury on every side within doors, and lest they should glance from the window they have been provided with a vision of flowers, palms and grass. When it was suggested that a garden on suitable lines should be provided for the new children's playground all sorts of objections were raised as to the difficulties of finding turf or transplanting trees. Perhaps the P.W.D. will learn a lesson from the Hotel Company—that where there's a will there's a way. If this fails we would suggest that parties of tourists staying at the Hotel be conducted down the road to the playground, possibly they might spare from their abundance, sufficient money to give the children the surroundings which are their birth right and essential to their physical well being.

St. Peter's Church.

Some of our citizens who are interested in St. Peter's Church, an old landmark of the Colony, are asking when much needed repairs to the building are going to begin. A great deal has been heard of it and when the first bazaar was held under the auspices of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club in 1927, it was definitely stated that funds raised from the fête would be partly donated toward the repair funds of the Church. That fête, if I am not mistaken, yielded a net profit of \$2,000 odd, and though the second bazaar has been held a month ago—nothing has so far been said about the repairs.

It is a pity to keep the public ignorant. They are interested and contributed to the success of the fête. The Church is in a bad condition and it was partly due to that that the public was so generous.

Motor Boat Danger.

Our Marine Magistrate is kept busy every morning listening to cases of sampans navigating the harbour without regulation lights, steam launches sounding their sirens unnecessarily, craft anchoring in typhoon shelters during prohibited hours and many other minor offences which the alert members of the Water Police Force do their best to stop.

The Harbour Office staff as well as the Water Police are also wide awake in cases of vessels carrying more passengers than allowed by their certificate, and in the matter of overloading, but there is a distinct danger which they have so far failed to check.

I refer to the dangerous habit of public motor boat coxswains using lighted matches to ascertain the quantity of gas left in the tank. I happened to be on a motor boat one night and during the course of an hour's cruise, the man struck no fewer than five matches to look into the tank. One expected a flare at any moment and a swim for dear life.

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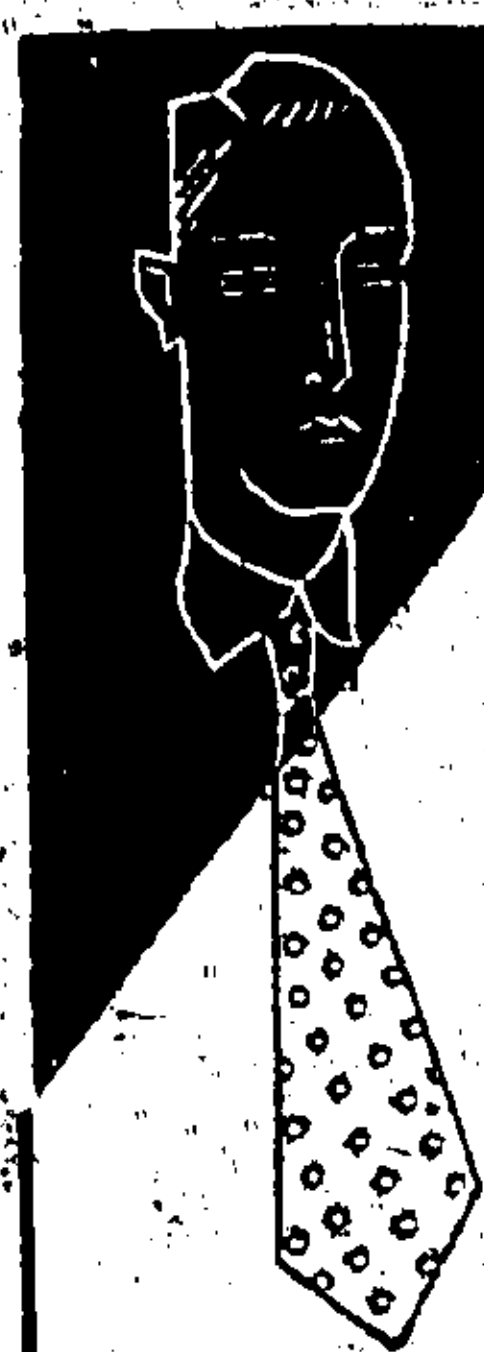


Last year a motor boat was burnt to the water's edge in this way. There was a European lady passenger in the craft and a mighty unpleasant time she had.

This is a very real danger and should be stopped. Coxswains should be made to use a torch instead of a lighted match. A few convictions would soon have the desired effect.

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THE NATURAL AIR ROUTES OF CHINA.

HOW TO ESTABLISH AIR MAIL AND PASSENGER SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDIZATION.

[By R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER.]

In many parts of the world aerial services have become so common that passengers do not even mention the fact that they have journeyed by air. In China there are no aerial services in operation at present, but extensive plans are being prepared so as to establish air mail and passenger services in the very near future. It is therefore of interest to examine the situation to discover along what lines progress can best be made, always bearing in mind that finance plays an important part.

Aviation in China is in the hands of the military, and now that their war activities have come to an end it is only natural that they wish to turn their attention to the development of Commercial Aviation. It has been realised that aerial services are of the greatest importance to China, and the work of developing these services is in the hands of the Aviation Department in different parts of the country, who are the only organised bodies with a knowledge of aviation, they have before them an extremely difficult task, firstly because they have no experience of operating commercial air lines, and secondly there are no aircraft suitable for the work in China, except the two Ryan monoplanes at Canton. They have one advantage, they have seen the mistake that was made in England just after the war, the Aerial Transport Companies attempting to operate old war machines as passenger and mail carriers, with the result that they would have all gone bankrupt if the Government had not stepped in and amalgamated them. Actually, some did go smash before the amalgamation.

Aviation in no way differs from any undertaking, there is a right and a wrong way, and as a general rule the wrong way appears the easier of the two. In this particular case the wrong way appears to be remarkably simple, all that is necessary to get the air lines going is to use some of the obsolete aircraft that are available. The result would be that the services would not only be a failure, they would be a positive danger, as they would never be efficient, and instead of spreading confidence in aerial transport amongst the merchants, they would give the public the impression that it is unreliable and unsafe.

It is no good being wise after the damage is done, it will be far better for China if she looks before she leaps; too much enthusiasm is a dangerous thing when applied to aviation, and it is sincerely hoped that those responsible for the future of aerial transport will thoroughly investigate the problems attaching to the operation of commercial aircraft.

First of all the actual routes to be operated must be carefully surveyed, not only geographically, but also from an economic and commercial point of view. When this has been done there will be time enough to consider what type or types of aircraft will be best suited to the work. In the selection of these aircraft the topography of the routes and landing places is going to play an important part, and at the same time the peculiar meteorological features of the country must not be forgotten, especially humidity.

Looking still further ahead the problem of finding the necessary personnel looms up as a gigantic difficulty, experienced pilots and engineers capable of operating large commercial aircraft do not exist in number worthy of serious consideration. The solution of this difficulty takes us back to the very beginning of the whole problem, and there is only one method by which this question of personnel can be solved. As quickly as possible a first class Training School must be established, as pilots and engineers take longer time to train than it takes to buy aircraft. Such a School as I have in mind could be established at very small cost, the money required being less than the cost of one three engine commercial aircraft.

Efficient and reliable pilots can be trained in China provided the system of training is revised and brought up to modern European standards, for preference the Training School should be modelled on English lines, as our system of teaching is far in advance of any other nation. First class training cannot be carried out with old and obsolete equipment.

Lack Of Suitable Landing Grounds.

One of the problems to be faced is that of finding suitable aerodromes and landing grounds along the Air Routes. It has been proved both in Europe and America that the success of an air line largely depends on the amount, and efficiency of the ground organisation. This ground organisation includes the establishment of aerodromes and landing grounds, all along the routes at intervals of not more than 100 miles, the ideal being not more than fifty miles apart. Unfortunately China is badly situated in this respect as rice fields are not suitable for aircraft to land in, or take off from. The only way to overcome this is to find suitable landing grounds.

There is no doubt that the country is rich in rivers and water ways, and these are the natural air routes of China. This abundance of rivers and water ways from which seaplanes and flying boats can operate without interference with shipping largely overcomes the difficulty of establishing landing grounds and aerodromes. Admittedly seaplanes and flying boats are more expensive to buy than landplanes, but their advantages are so great that their extra cost is of comparatively no importance.

The modern metal hull flying boat or seaplane requires only one permanent base from which to operate, whilst, away from this base it can work from a buoy in any harbour or river, being left in the water for weeks at a time. When considering the extra capital required to purchase a seaplane or flying boat it must be remembered that it requires no costly chain of aerodromes upon which to alight, or take off from, it does not require a roof over it every night, and what is perhaps more important it will carry as big, in many cases a bigger, paying load for any given horse power. Another point in favour of the seaplane or flying boat they are specially designed to resist damage by water, this in no small measure overcomes the difficulty set up by the humidity of the climate. The more I investigate the problem of China's air routes the more I am convinced that seaplanes and flying boats are what China requires, and this leads me to the conclusion that the rivers are the natural airways of China.

Many years hard work will have to be done before regular and reliable landplane services can be established to any great extent, but regular and reliable seaplane and flying boat services could be put into operation in the space of a few months.

Standardisation.

There is no Aircraft Industry in China, therefore the necessary aircraft must be obtained from abroad. All the markets of the world are open, and in each market there are types of machines worthy of being given a first class. This naturally presents a difficulty to those who have to decide where and what to buy. As far as can be seen there are four types of aircraft required to give China efficient aerial services:

i. Training Machines (Land and Sea).
ii. Medium sized Passenger Machines (Sea and Land).
iii. Flying boats for 20 passengers.
iv. Three-Engine Landplanes for 30 passengers.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

INCORPORATION TO BE APPLIED FOR.

CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS REASONS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon to pass resolutions with a view to obtaining incorporation under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.

Mr. T. G. Weall (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), the Chairman of the Chamber, presided and the following members of the General Committee were present: The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council), the Hon. Mr. R. D. F. Beith, Mr. Neillage S. Brown, Mr. Paul Lander, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. F. A. Perry, with Mr. R. A. "Wadsworth" (Messrs. Deacons, solicitors to the Chamber for the purpose of incorporation) and the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Before proposing the resolutions which you have just heard I should like to say a few words regarding the reasons for the steps which are contemplated.

The Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce was first formed in the year 1861 with a foundation membership of 62 (which it is interesting to note included several firms whose representatives are with us on the present occasion). At that time a fairly simple form of organization was considered sufficient and under it the Chamber has done a great deal of useful work for 67 years.

As was only to be expected, the membership has during later years considerably increased and consequently there are many spheres of manufacture, shipping and commercial activity now coming within the scope of the Chamber's business which it is difficult to deal with properly under the existing organization.

In addition to this, the liabilities and responsibilities of the Chamber have substantially increased, more particularly in connection with the certification of rice exported from Hong Kong; and in a great number of instances officials of the Chamber are called upon to carry out very onerous and responsible duties.

"Unlimited Liability."

As was explained in the circular sent with the notice convening this meeting, members of an unincorporated Association have an unlimited liability in relation thereto; any one having a claim against the Chamber can—after he has exhausted the Chamber's funds—pursue the members individually until he obtains all that the Courts award him. Your Committee are anxious to protect the members from any such unpleasant consequences, and in this connection I should like to point out that under the proposed Memorandum of Association of the Chamber, when registered, the liability in the future of each member will be limited to \$10. It is also significant that the Chamber of Commerce of the principal cities in the British Isles have all adopted the safeguard of incorporation.

Advised By Legal Sub-Committee.

In view of this your Committee has been advised by the Legal Sub-Committee that it is highly desirable, in the interests of the members, that the Chamber should secure the advantages and limitations of liability, which would be obtained by the registration of the Chamber as a Limited Company under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinances.

I do not think that the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association call for special comment. Messrs. Deacons, by whom they were prepared, have based them on those of the Chambers of Commerce of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and the British Rumanian Chamber. All that is considered best has been taken from the Memoranda and Articles of Association of those Chambers and incorporated in those suggested for adoption by the Chamber in Hong Kong. Members have had an opportunity during the last two weeks or more of perusing the draft at the Offices of the Chamber. The objects as set out in the Memorandum are those almost universally adopted by Incorporated Chambers.

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Does China Require Aerial Services?

In a year when practically every thinking person has come to stay and is of the greatest importance it seems ridiculous to ask such a question. Several years ago the same people were doubtless asking, 'does China require good roads with motor-cars and motor-bus services?' My answer to the first question is, 'count the motors in use to-day wherever there is a road, and try to get a seat in one of the motor-buses serving the public in any Chinese town such as Canton.'

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of Commerce and include the foundation of scholarships to assist young persons training for commercial careers and to advance and promote commercial and technical education; apart from this the Memorandum might almost be called "common form."

An Altercation!

So far as the Articles of Association are concerned there is little to say, and I only propose to touch on one or two points arising out of them; it has been thought desirable to encourage firms and limited companies to become members as such; and for that purpose it is provided by the Articles that no person being a member of a partnership firm, or a Director or officer of a Company, shall be qualified for election as an individual member unless his firm or company are already members of the Chamber, or unless the General Committee in view of any special circumstances sanction his election.

It is hoped to have the old Association wound up and the new Company formed and registered by the 1st of January next year. The General Committee will consist of the same members who compose the present Committee, their names are set out in the Articles of Association and they are to hold office until the annual meeting in 1930, instead of retiring at the usual annual meeting which will be held a little over a month from the present date.

The need for confidential representations to local or foreign authorities has been recognised and the Committee has been given power, by Article 42, to make representations on behalf of any section of the members to any appropriate authority and in their discretion to keep such representations and the results secret.

The Committee are also given power to make "Bye Laws" to govern the general business of the Chamber, and I may say that a complete set of "Bye Laws" for the conduct of arbitrations has been compiled, with forms for the use of arbitrators, and when approved will be printed and incorporated with the Memorandum and Articles, a copy of which will be sent to all members. In case of any doubt as to the procedure to be adopted members can then refer to the "Bye Laws" for guidance and act without fear of making any false step. The Articles also provide that all members of the present Association shall automatically become members of the Limited Company under the new Articles.

I do not think that there is anything further that I can add, and I, therefore, beg to move the resolutions contained in the notice—namely:—

1.—That the above named Association be wound up and that for that purpose Messrs. John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountants, both of 3, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, be appointed liquidators with all necessary powers for conducting and completing such winding up at a remuneration to be settled by the Committee.

2.—That in the place of the named Association a Company Limited by guarantee be formed and registered under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, 1911-1925, and that such formation and registration be undertaken and carried out by the existing Committee of the above named Association and that the Memorandum and Articles of Association thereof be determined and settled by them in such manner as in their absolute discretion they shall think fit and that the assets and records of the above named Association be taken over by and transferred to the Company forthwith after the completion of the said winding up and that the said registration and all incidental to such winding up and formation registration and transfer be paid by the said Committee out of the funds of the above named Association.

To Wind Up Present Organisation.

During the next two weeks the necessary steps will be taken to wind up the present organization and to register the new Company so that it shall come into being on the 1st of January, 1929.

As an Association existing not for the purpose of profit a license will be applied for and will doubtless be granted by His Excellency the Governor to omit the word "Limited" from its title.

There will be no necessity to trouble the members to attend any further meeting in connection with this matter, and I thank you for your attendance and the close attention which you have given to the business in hand.

The resolutions having been seconded were carried unanimously.

The following members were represented:—Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Messrs. A. V. Apcer & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. H. Cooper); Messrs. Banker & Co., Ltd. (Mr. To Hoi Tung); the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Perry); Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (Mr. N. S. Brown); the Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. N. Chau); the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (Mr. C. Ledos); Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. F. Syme Thomson); Messrs. Fung Tang, (Mr. Wong Tak Kwong); the General Electric Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lander); Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co. (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes).



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MR. H. NOLASCO DA SILVA OF MACAO DECORATED.

Mr. Henrique Nolasco da Silva, Consul for the Netherlands in Macao, was on Wednesday afternoon invested by Mr. J. M. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong, with the Order of Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau.

A largely attended reception was given by the Consul and Mrs. Nolasco da Silva at their residence in Macao during which the investiture was performed. In the course of his speech Mr. Quist said that, in the eleven years of his Consulship Mr. Nolasco da Silva had proved his sterling loyalty to the Government of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, and that during the last six years he had given great services to the Netherlands Harbour Works Company of Amsterdam in the improvement of Macao Harbour.

Mr. Nolasco da Silva replied suitably and proposed a toast to Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina, the Dutch Empire, and the continuance of friendly relations between Portugal and the Netherlands.

(Mr. A. B. Raworth); Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie); Messrs. A. Goekke & Co. (Mr. A. Goekke); Messrs. T. M. Gregory & Co. (Mr. H. M. Gregory); Messrs. E. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. P. A. Dixon); the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Blackburn); the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh); the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. (the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes); Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy); Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith); the Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. W. Wright); Messrs. Keller, Kern & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. Kern); Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews, (Mr. J. Fleming); Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. W. L. Patenden); Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. A. E. Martin); the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. T. Takahashi); Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Wong Oi Kut); the National City Bank of New York (Mr. G. M. Hall); the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, (Mr. Y. Uchida); Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. J. M. da Rocha); Messrs. Alex. Rags & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. W. Hayward); the Shui On Steamships Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chan); Messrs. Sing-Hing & Co. (Mr. N. C. Horne); the South British Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. P. S. Harrison); Mr. B. M. Talat; the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lander); Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co. (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes).

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU.

LAYS DOWN HIS POLICY.
SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH
OUR CORRESPONDENT.

COMPLETE ACCORD WITH
MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 14th.
General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman-elect of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, will not assume office on the 15th of this month. Although the General has left the Canton Sanatorium, he is not as yet well enough to be inducted to his new post. He is, however, selecting his personnel and considering the execution of the improvements and reforms proposed during Marshal Li's administration. He has definitely announced that he will take oath of office on the 22nd of this month. Marshal Li's outgoing staff are busily winding up all the accounts and preparing to be turned over to the new administration.

Yesterday General Chen was feasted at the "National Garden" by Brigadier General Hsu Hok Cheung and the representative of General Pan Shih Shang. These two men returned to Canton recently from the North River districts where they had been combating Communists and bandits. Besides General Chen, their guest of honor, they also invited a large number of Canton notables, including Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, Dr. Chao Hsin Chu and practically all the Headquarters staff of the 8th Military Route. Owing to some important business Marshal Li could not come but the rest of the invited guests were present and the banquet proceeded joyfully with Chen Ming Shu as the central figure.

GEN. CHEN INTERVIEWED.

In an interview with our correspondent this morning in his residence in Tungshan the General Chen repeated that he has decided to take his oath of office on December 22nd.

"May we know what are your plans for the reconstruction of Kwangtung?" our correspondent asked.

"Marshal Li will take care of these things," he replied, "I am merely helping him."

"Have you resigned your post of commander of the 11th Army yet?" our correspondent asked.

"Yes," was the reply, "I have already sent in my resignation to the Nationalist Government."

"Who will then be your military successor? Will it be Chiang Kwong Nai, the present Vice-Commander of the 11th Army?"

"Most probably so," he replied.

"It is reported that you will concurrently be the Commissioner of Civil Affairs of the Province. Is this true?" our correspondent asked.

"No," was the reply.

"Will there be any changes in the Departmental Chiefs of the Provincial Government?" our correspondent asked.

"All the Commissioners will remain just as they are; I am satisfied with their work. As to the chief secretary of the Provincial Council who has resigned, I think Mr. Sun Hsi Man, my chief secretary, is worthy of the post."

The Chairman-elect then went on to say that there has been a great deal of misunderstanding as regards his supposed policy. This misunderstanding, he said, was especially noticeable in foreign circles where the opinion is held that there will be a change in the foreign policy of Kwangtung. "The foreign policy of the Nationalist Government will be strictly adhered to," he said to our correspondent. "Marshal Li's policy which is identical with that of the Central Government will be continued with no alteration whatever. No matter who helps the Marshal, the attitude of Kwangtung towards foreigners will remain what it has been—friendly and reciprocal."

STOLEN RICE—SAMPAN MAN SENTENCED.

A Chinese sampan master was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, for having stolen some 600 pounds of rice which was found on his sampan off Wanchai. The defendant said that the rice was given to him by some customers who were unable to pay their fares. The explanation was not accepted and the Magistrate imposed a sentence of two months' hard labour.

The defendant was arrested by Sergeant Bowers. The defendant's boat was stopped and after a thorough search the rice was found concealed beneath the deck boards.

WUCHOW BRITISH CONSULATE.

HANDED BACK TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

MR. J. H. BRENNAN'S GOOD OFFICES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 14th.
Mr. J. H. Brennan, acting under instructions of the British Government, has handed over the old Wuchow British Consulate to the Kwangsi Government. The rendition has followed friendly negotiations between Mr. Brennan and Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung, and General Wong Shiu Hung, Commander of the 15th Army and Chairman of the Kwangsi Government. The premises and grounds are situated on a beautiful hill on the outskirts of Wuchow and are very spacious. The site was permanently leased to the British Government by the private owner some decades ago. For a long time a British Consul was stationed there, but since the Hong Kong-Canton general strike in 1925, the consul left Wuchow and the premises have been closed ever since. From that time on the Consulate has been guarded by the authorities of Wuchow and General Wong Shiu Hung had long been wanting to open rendition negotiations with Great Britain. He recently came to Canton and consulted with Dr. Chao about the matter.

Through the help of Mr. Brennan, the British Government agreed to return the old Consulate to the Kwangsi Government. It was agreed that the Kwangsi Government should pay \$25,000 Hong Kong currency, as a part of the value of the buildings. The payment was duly made and Mr. Brennan has written a letter to the Kwangtung Foreign Commissioner acknowledging receipt of same on the 14th of this month. The rendition is therefore complete and satisfactory. The Chinese Government is quite happy over it and is of the opinion that this friendly act on the part of the British Government will go a long way towards cementing the good relations between the two nations.

A JAPANESE COMPLAINT.

OWED \$800,000 BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

A Japanese, named K. Todokara, complained before Mr. Justice P. Jackson at the Summary Court yesterday morning that the Chinese Government owed him \$800,000 and that he had been unable to collect it. He produced papers to substantiate his statement and mentioned that the matter had come before the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

This complaint was made when Todokara was mentioned as the defendant in an action brought against him by the Yue Kee Company for the recovery of the sum of \$70, being two months rent due by the defendant and another sum of \$216 due under a Chinese promissory note.

Defendant admitted his liabilities and said that the Chinese Government owed him \$800,000 which he had been unable to collect. He applied for instalments, and his Lordship said that he would hear the application in Chambers on December 22nd.

CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE WINE MERCHANT DISMISSED.

The charges against the Man Lee Wine & Spirit Shop at No. 654, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat for dealing in adulterated liquor, selling same to the Fuk Cheong Shop in Percival Street, and having in his possession a quantity of dutiable liquor, were dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Revenue Department, prosecuted and Mr. J. H. Brennan, of the British Consulate, defended the defendant.

"TOM JONES."

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S TRIUMPH.

AN OLD ENGLAND PRODUCTION.

COMPANY'S FINE TEAM WORK.

Everyone in Hong Kong who sees the Philharmonic Society's production of "Tom Jones" will enjoy it. The Service men who were present at the rattling good dress rehearsal on Wednesday night were delighted, and what Service men think is an extremely good criterion, for they are both critical and appreciative. What was promised at the trial run was more than fulfilled last night and the house re-echoed to the applause of a big audience that enjoyed every minute of the performance. That curious partnership between stage and auditorium—the sense of enjoying a good thing together—which is half the charm of the theatre was noticeably strong in this production—to put it in a phrase, the thing went well.

The Charm of Edward German.

Edward German, the composer of "Tom Jones," we are repeatedly told, is the legitimate successor of Sullivan, and it is true enough that in "Tom Jones," notably in the quartettes and in the gentle mockery of grand opera, one hears an echo of the immortal "Gilbert and Sullivan." But German stands on his entirely English quality. He takes the most English of settings—eighteenth century "Zomerset"—and he uses traditional English airs, far more than Sullivan; for his foundations. In his songs and his dances is the lilt of the hunting ballad, the drinking round and Morris dance. German, moreover, can compose a love passage and the song, sung with exquisite tenderness by Mrs. Bowes Smith and the chorus "off" when Tom Jones' supposed perjury is revealed, was the musical gem of the evening.

A Good Story.

"Tom Jones" has one real advantage over most light operas, it has a clear, simple story to tell. There is none of the vagueness and over complexity of "Merrie England." It is just the love story of Tom and Sophia Western. It never gets away from that; every song leads in one way or another. When sprightly Honour is singing a song to weddle someone who never forgets the purpose at the back of it, and when the old squire is holding his own with young gallants of London it is all part and parcel of the drama. There is no *de-fu-jeur* quite as brilliant as the "fish" song of "Merrie England" but the haunting beauty of several of the songs by the two principals equals it if it does not exceed anything that Sullivan or German himself else where has given us. The number already mentioned, the "Horse and Gun," sung by Tom Jones near the beginning of the piece and the Waltz song near the end are moments of sheer delight. (The Waltz song was encored twice.) Nor must the openings and finales to each act be omitted. Not the least of their merits is that they are not curtailed and the working out is always satisfying. A good story well told, with excellent music and witty dialogue is a fair description of the piece.

The Leading Performers.

Now for the performers. The first impression is how much the company as a whole predominates over any single performer. The chorus was extraordinarily good and things perhaps went best in the entrance and finales when a large number of people, either singly or in duets, had a little show. Now this is probably due to the most talented member of the company, Mrs. Bowes Smith. It is not that she dominates and throws other people into the shade, but in fact the very opposite—she brings out the best of which others are capable and so sees that "the limelight" is evenly distributed. There is a marked difference when Mrs. Bowes Smith is in a production—she acts as a pivot and creates unity and sense of team work; she does it to an extraordinarily unselfish extent, which shows what a very fine player she is. In "Merrie England" despite very brilliant work of individuals, there was a lack of the coherence that three years ago made "The Pirates of Penzance" a delight and is restored again in "Tom Jones."

The main solo work fell on four players, Mrs. Bowes Smith as Sophia Western, Mrs. J. H. Hurst as Honour, the sprightly maid, in the tradition of "Merrie England," Mr. D. M. Richards in the name part and Mr. A. J. J. Brook as Squire Western. All four did astonishingly well. Mrs. Bowes Smith always sang in the best of her best singing numbers and

was a charming heroine, while Mrs. Hurst, after a slightly lame beginning got into her stride with the witty "As All the Maids," and grew in pertness and vivacity as the evening proceeded. A delightful part well interpreted, and she has also a pleasant singing voice.

Mr. D. M. Richards makes Tom Jones a delightful person—a bit of a rake, of course, but—ever so fascinating and as honest at heart as Squire Western himself. His entry, dragged in protesting by a group of lasses and his "West Country Lad," struck the right key from the start. He must beware of trying to make his voice too much, but it is quite strong enough and its low notes are "extremely pleasing."

Mr. A. J. J. Brook has given us over a number of years very admirable interpretations of the "Harry Lytton" parts upon which so much depends. We all remember his "perfect model of a British Major-General" but his Squire Western is even better. How well he looks the part in black satin and white wig. He plays to the life this fine old English gentleman, sportsman and *bon vivant*, an aristocrat with a bucolic flavour. He is all charm and heartiness till his will is crossed, of his gout is troublesome and then! Well, he is a Briton to the core.

Two important roles are those of Benjamin Partridge, barber, quick and faithful henchman of Tom Jones, of which Mr. Oscar Eager gave a very finished performance, and Lady Bellaston played by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy. Mrs. Bellamy was also the Squire's shrewish sister and very well she interpreted both parts. Her voice is not strong but carries well, especially when no attempt is made to exceed its proper compass.

Chorus and Minor Parts.

One of the most difficult things to do on the stage is to clown (it's far harder than making love). The Squire's three servants, Gregory, Grizzle and Dobbin, played by Messrs. P. Hale, R. D. Thomas and E. Dormer, had this difficult task. They did it well—perhaps there was a tendency to overdo it—but the "Barley Mow" song with their "opposite numbers," Honour, Peggy and Betty (Miss E. D. G. Aris and Mrs. D. M. Richards) was one of the successes of the evening. Squire Allworthy (E. Henton) Bliff (E. G. Canniford) and all the minor parts were very well taken, which shows that the Society has a big reserve of talent.

The chorus we have already mentioned, its singing and by-play were excellent, a real live exhilarating chorus, all doing their best and enjoying it as much as the leaders. Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., conducted with the skill we all know. Like the good leader he is, more than once he rallied the wavering line and simply rushed them through to victory. His orchestra played extremely well from first to last.

THE CAST.

Tom Jones (a founding) (Mr. D. M. Richards).
Mr. Allworthy (a Somersetshire Magistrate) (Mr. E. Hanton).
Bliff (his nephew) (Mr. E. G. Canniford).
Benjamin Partridge (a village barber) (Mr. Oscar Eager).
Square Western (a fine old English gentleman) (Mr. A. J. J. Brook).
Gregory, Grizzle and Dobbin (his servants) (Mr. P. Hale, Mr. R. D. Thomas, and Mr. E. Dormer).
Squire Cloudy, Pimlott and Tony (friends of Squire Western) (Mr. H. G. Annis, Mr. T. J. Magill, and Mr. A. A. Lewis).
An Officer (Mr. E. V. Parker).
Highwaymen (Mr. F. S. W. Smith, Mr. R. W. Sapsed).
Post Boy (Mr. A. T. Bates).
Waiter (Mr. G. W. R. Griggs).
Colonel Hampstead (Mr. H. V. Parker).
Tom Edward (Mr. T. V. Harmon).
Col. Wilcox (Mr. C. Bennett).
Honour (maid to Sophia) (Mrs. J. Hurst).
Miss Western (Square Western's sister) and Lady Bellaston (a lady of quality) (Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy).
Etoff (her maid) (Mrs. E. Larmour).
Hostess of the Inn at Upton (Mrs. J. Hollidge).
Bessie Wincere (Miss F. E. Dunn).
Lettie Wheatcroft (a friend of Sophia) (Mr. B. Cole).
Rosie Lucas (Miss M. J. Stewart).
Susan (serving maid at Upton) (Miss E. D. G. Aris).
Betty (waiting maid) (Miss E. D. G. Aris).
Sophia (Squire Western's daughter) (Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith).
Programme Ladies: Miss Bella, Patsy, Miss Kitty, Chester, Miss Betty, and Miss Bluffie Field.

FAMINE IN SUI YUAN.

AN APPALLING TRAGEDY.

"CHILDREN LEFT TO DIE."

The Rev. F. J. Griffith, of Church of England Mission, Tatsungfu, Shensi, sends us the following report on famine conditions in the Province of Sui Yuan:

On account of drought there was no harvest of grain.

Some sections of the district where irrigation had been adopted the only crop which the authorities allowed to be grown was opium, and this was under Government control. At the time of seed sowing in the Spring no rain fell and the seed grain could not be sown hence the complete failure of the harvest. All supplies of previous years' grain had been used up on account of three years' oppression by bandits.

The bandits are chiefly disbanded Chinese soldiers from the Mongolian border districts and from the Ordos district South of the Yellow River.

The County area which is in dire distress is Saratui. Many of the villages in Saratui have been evacuated. The houses have been quitted down for the wood in the doors, window frames and roofs.

Household furniture and household utensils have been sold for food.

Death And Slavery.

The women and girls in some cases have been sold and the children left to die.

Some families migrated further over the border to find the districts crowded out and had to return. Many died on the way.

Mr. Peterson of the C.I.M. is with us here buying grain at Tatsungfu. Grain in Saratui is five times the price it is in normal conditions. Here in Tatsungfu the price of grain is about one half the price in Saratui.

In some instances the women sold into slavery have committed suicide by jumping out of the train in transit.

As yet there is no Famine Relief Work being carried on in the area.

CHORUS.

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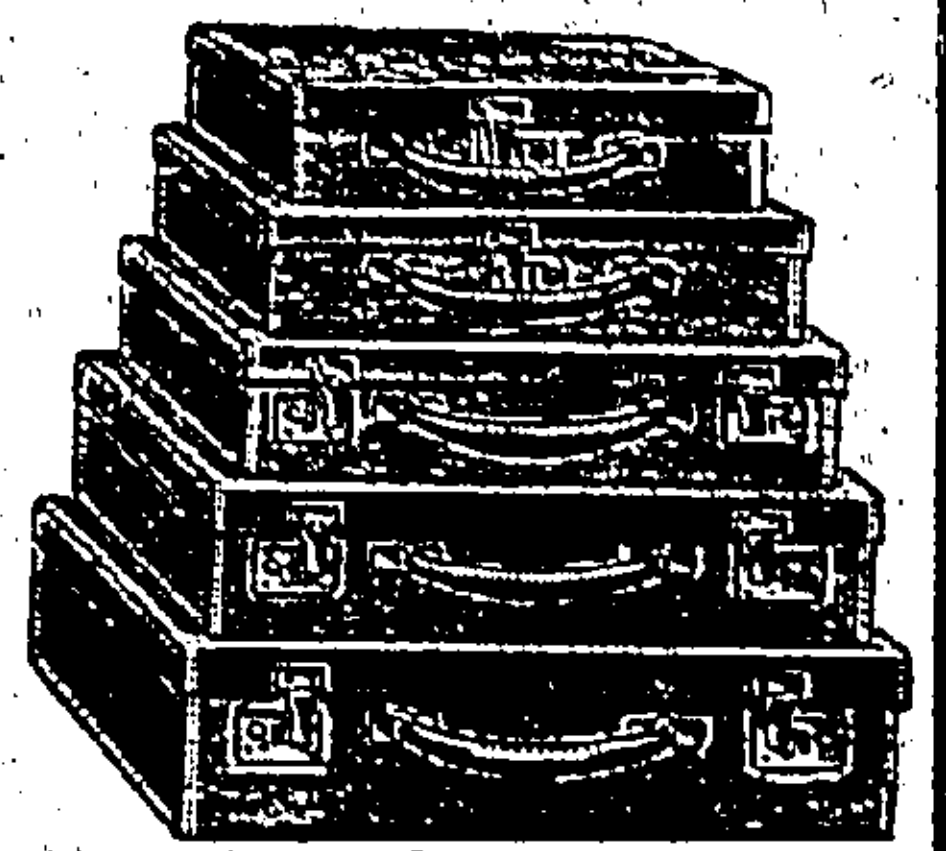
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**DEMONSTRATIONS
IN NANKING.****STUDENTS AND JAPAN
NEGOTIATIONS.****CHIANG KAI SHEK'S STERN
REPROOF.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, Dec. 14th.
Students have yesterday demonstrated against the Sino-Japanese negotiations, particularly in connection with the Nishihara loans, and the outlook for a time was so serious that squads of troops, gendarmes and police were called out to maintain order. Special guards were placed around the Foreign and Finance Ministries and the Japanese Consulate. The demonstrators raided C. T. Wang's residence and damaged the furniture. Chiang Kai Shek called the demonstrators to the office of the Central Kuomintang and severely lectured them for resorting to violence.

Permission Needed.

The State Council this afternoon discussed yesterday's riot, in which the Foreign Minister's house was sacked, and the Council condemned the action of the demonstrators. It was decided that in future no public meetings should be held in Nanking without the permission of the Government authorities.

NISHIHARA LOAN.**(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.
The Nanking Financial Ministry issued a notification yesterday refusing the report that the Nationalist Government had recognised the so-called Nishihara Loan by the Soong-Yada negotiations. It went on to point out that the problem of the Nishihara Loan had not been mentioned during the negotiations nor had any plan for the redemption of the loan been drawn up.

TROUBLE IN SZECHUAN.**(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.
Military leaders in Szechuan have received orders from Nanking to organise a provincial government after the pattern and under the direction of the Nanking Government. This has aroused serious opposition on the part of some military leaders, and their ill-feeling has run to such a pitch that civil war has developed. Those who are in favour of the Nanking Government include Liu Sheng, Liu Wen Fei and Tan Chung Yao while their opponents are Tang Sih Hwa and Lai Hsin Fei, who are still loyal to the ex-warlord, Wu Pei Fu. General Yang Sen's attitude towards this critical situation is doubtful.

CURIOUS PEKING STRIKE.**TIAM CONDUCTORS AND
SOLDIERS AT
VARIANCE.**

PEKING, Dec. 10th.
Peking's twenty thousand ricksha pullers have settled one of the most unusual street-car strikes in history. The settlement came only after free rides on the cars had been offered to the entire city for several days.

The trouble started when some Nationalist soldiers assaulted a conductor and beat up a motorman who attempted to interfere. A street-car inspector who happened to see the incident stood by without saying a word.

Immediately all the street-car employees decided to strike. "Soldiers have beaten up some of our members before," they said. "But this is Nationalist China, and ordinary people are supposed to have some rights." But the employees didn't want to inconvenience the general public. They wanted the company to assure their protection from assaults by soldiers. They wanted the Nationalist Government to promise that their "allied warriors" would behave. So they quietly took over the company's power-house, and began to operate the cars. Conductors were instructed to accept no fares, but to tell every passenger he could ride free until the "strike" was settled. Then Peking's ricksha pullers heard of the decision. "What about us?" they cried. "You are taking the food out of our mouth. We can get no work." This appeal had a prompt effect, and now the street-car conductors are collecting fares again.—United Press.

**HEARTY WELCOME
FOR HOOVER.****ENTHUSIASM IN BUENOS
AIRES.****CAVALRY ESCORT NEEDED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14th.
President Irigoyen and other high officials met Mr. Hoover at the station, where he was tumultuously welcomed by 100,000 people who swept through the police lines and surged round him shouting "Viva." A cavalry escort had to be provided to conduct him to the Embassy.

**CONFERENCE OF COAL
OWNERS.****GREATER CO-OPERATION IN
EXPORT.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.
Colliery owners from all the exporting areas in Britain met in London yesterday further to consider proposals for the co-ordination and extension of existing marketing schemes, and additional progress was made. It is however pointed out that even when the idea of inter-district co-operation is accepted in principle, there will remain an enormous amount of ground to be covered in formulating agreed propositions. Further meetings will be held in due course.

**AIR SERVICE TO SOUTH
AFRICA.****POINTS OF DEAL TO BE
SETTLED.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, December 13th.
Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the establishment of an air service between London and South Africa, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, said a number of flights had taken place between London and South Africa and intermediate points.

Valuable information had been obtained as a result, but the actual details of the route selected would depend on whether land planes or sea planes were used on certain parts of the journey. That could only be determined when concrete proposals were formulated.

The Air Minister expected such proposals to be made in the near future, and if these were considered practicable, immediate steps would be taken, in co-operation with the Government of South Africa, who were aware of our intention and desire to develop air communications of that nature.

**REPLY TO EXCLUSION
LAWS.**

PEKING, Dec. 10th.
Reports have been received here that the Nanking Government is contemplating the enactment of an "exclusion" law similar to those in force against Chinese in the United States, some of the British Dominions and Japan.

The law, if passed, could not interfere with rights held by treaty, but twenty rights do not permit foreigners to live in the interior of China or own property except in the treaty ports, except for missionary work.

The recent treaty with Belgium grants to Belgians the right to live and own property in the interior. In return, Belgium agrees to give up her special legal rights next January 1st, 1930.

The law, if passed, would make no changes in the position of Americans or Europeans generally, but would deprive them from sharing in the privileges granted to Belgium under the new treaty. At present, the most favoured nation clause would give them these rights.

**STUDENTS "MOURN" A
CLOSED COLLEGE.**

PEKING, Dec. 11th.
After battling for several months to persuade the Nanking Government to alter their decision to close down the College of Finance in Peking, more than 100 former students have staged a three day "mourning" ceremony, during which funeral rites similar to those held for a prominent official were observed.—United Press.

**HUGE INVESTMENT
TRUST.****IMPRESSIVE DIRECTORATE.****BIG ISSUE TO PUBLIC.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 14th.
The formation is officially announced of a standard industries incorporated combination investment trust and holding company with a capital of \$100,000,000, of which it is understood that \$70,000,000 will be offered to the public.

Investments will probably be made in companies conducting fundamentally related business, producing and distributing trade marked articles or standard commodities capable of wide use.

The directorate includes the Vice-Chairman of the British-American Tobacco Company, the President of the Canadian Life Insurance Company and several well known bankers and leaders of the metal industry.

LIQUOR FOR THE STATES.**ALCOHOL SMUGGLED FROM
CANADA.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

OTTAWA, Dec. 13th.
A conference has been arranged between Canada and the United States for a discussion of the problem of the smuggling of alcoholic liquor from Canada into the United States.

The conference, according to present arrangements, will be held at Ottawa in January.

GREEK STERLING BONDS.**READY RESPONSE IN
LONDON.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, December 13th.
The issue in London to-day of £4,000,000 of six per cent. sterling bonds of the Greek Government met with a ready response, and the subscription lists were closed this morning.

JACOB DICKINSON DEAD.**LATE U.S. WAR SECRETARY.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 13th.
The death has occurred of Mr. Jacob Dickinson, who was Secretary of State for War during the Taft Administration. The late Mr. Dickinson was 77 years of age, and lived latterly at Chicago.

**THE ENFORCEMENT OF
PROHIBITION.****HUGE APPROPRIATIONS.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th.
The Senate, without debate, to-day added over \$250,000,000 to the Treasury's appropriation bill for the enforcement of prohibition.

**NEW YORK POLICE
COMMISSIONER.****RESIGNATION FOLLOWS
ROTHSTEIN MURDER.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 13th.
The City Police Commissioner, Mr. Warren, has tendered his resignation.

FRANCE'S ACTIVE SURPLUS.**BUDGET PASSED BY
CHAMBER.****[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]**

The Chamber has passed the Budget for 1929, providing 43,615,131,742 francs, receipts and 45,309,133,068 francs expenditure, leaving an active surplus plus of 45,947,777 francs.

**FOUNDATION FOR
HOPE.****KING'S CONDITION
IMPROVES.****ARDUOUS STRUGGLE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, Dec. 13th.

For the next few days grave anxiety for the King must continue, it was authoritatively stated this afternoon. Until it is definitely known whether the King's strength is sufficient to conquer the considerable weakness following yesterday's operation, His Majesty's condition must be regarded as serious.

The heavy tax on the King's strength, already impaired, was one of the grave considerations which the doctors had to weigh up before performing the operation.

The decision to undertake active treatment was a grave one, and before taking it, it is understood they consulted both the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

As Good As Possible.

An official statement was issued from Buckingham Palace at 3.15 p.m. to the effect that "the King is progressing."

The evening bulletin was posted at approximately 8.15 p.m. and stated:

"Though the King is still suffering from exhaustion there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition this evening. The local condition remains satisfactory."

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT,
H. M. RIGBY,
DANFORTH PENN.

Consulted regarding the evening bulletin, an eminent physician not connected with the Court, expressed the opinion that, in all the circumstances, the bulletin is as good as one could get.

**SLIGHTLY GREATER
CONFIDENCE.**

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

The bulletin issued at 10.30 a.m. this morning states that the slight improvement in the King's condition, noted last night, has been maintained. Any progress, however, must be slow and difficult.

There was an air of slightly greater confidence among the officials at the Palace to-day, but it was emphasised that considerable anxiety must continue until it is known definitely whether the King's strength is sufficient to overcome the infection.

The King is going on as well as can be reasonably expected, but a long and arduous struggle must be faced before His Majesty can recover health.

The medical periodical, the *Lancet*, referring to the operation in today's issue, states "the position is so far satisfactory and those who are conversant with the course of the symptoms and their significance in these cases will recognize that we have here a foundation for the renewal of legitimate hopes."

Critical Period Passed.

The fact that His Majesty has passed safely through the twenty-four hours following the operation is a very good thing. The immediate danger after such an operation is the shock. Fortunately there appears to have been none. The outlook, the doctor thinks, is now completely changed.

The seriousness of the King's condition, and the Premier's deep concern was reflected in a small incident in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The Chief Government Whip announced that the Christmas adjournment would be taken on December 20th, Thursday next week, but omitted to say when the House would meet again.

One of the members asked, and Mr. Baldwin hesitated, and then replied quietly: "I would prefer to answer that question on Monday."

The present intention is that Parliament should reassemble on January 15th, but an earlier meeting would be necessary if the King died.

Princess Mary, at a meeting of the League of Mercy at St. James's Palace this afternoon, said: "You will be pleased to know that so far the condition of the King is satisfactory."

The Duke of York has cancelled his engagement to attend the annual dinner on Saturday of the Northamptonshire Association, as he cannot be reached.

(Continued on next Column.)**THE "BIG THREE" IN
CONFERENCE.****NO FURTHER MEETING
ARRANGED.****LITTLE PROGRESS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LUGANO, Dec. 13th.

As was all along anticipated, the conversations between Sir Austen Chamberlain, Dr. Stresemann, and M. Briand, the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Germany and France respectively, concerning the evacuation of the Rhineland and the reparations problems have led to nothing definite.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was in conference with M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann for over an hour and a half to-day, following which he told British journalists that he was convinced the German Foreign Minister would return to Berlin less pessimistic in spirit than when he came.

The "Big Three" had all agreed that the first step should be to get the Committee of Experts working on the settlement of the reparation problem as soon as possible.

No decisions have been reached at Lugano. Further conversations will be continued through the usual diplomatic channels, no further meetings having been arranged.

**BRITAIN'S TRADE IN
CHINA.****HIGH PRODUCTION COSTS.****IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, Dec. 13th.

An interesting report on the prospects of British trade in China has been submitted to the Government by Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., the Commercial Counsellor at the British Legation, Peking.

The report deals at considerable length with the industrial and economic situation in China up to September 1st last, and Mr. Fox expresses the opinion that until the country has settled down to a more or less uninterrupted period of peace and good government, the chances of any considerable development of British trade with China are very slight indeed.

The Counsellor also draws attention to the competition offered by other countries, and emphasises that if Britain is to recover her former share of the China trade, British manufacturers must do their utmost to reduce production costs to the lowest possible level.

**THE SOUTH AMERICAN
TROUBLE.****PARAGUAY BLAMED BY
BOLIVIA.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LUGANO, Dec. 13th.

Bolivia has so far shown no signs of responding to the appeal for a more conciliatory spirit in connection with the dispute over El Chaco, though the immediate fear of an outbreak of hostilities appears to have been dispelled.

Both the Governments of Paraguay and Bolivia have now replied to the telegrams addressed to them by M. Briand, on behalf of the Council of the League of Nations.

Bolivia throws all the blame for the dispute on Paraguay. "Paraguay enters into explanations and forebushes a pacific settlement of the dispute."

Using Their Influence.

A special committee of the Pan-American Conference, appointed to deal with the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute, has recommended all the American republics participating in the conference to be called on to exercise their influence to smooth over the differences of the two countries.

Coolidge's Good Wishes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th.
President Coolidge has cabled a cheering message to His Majesty the King, reflecting the sympathy and good wishes of the whole of America, stating "I am greatly pleased to learn there is a distinct improvement in Your Majesty's health and trust your complete convalescence will now be a matter of a short time."

The Reply.

A message signed by Lord Stairfordham was sent in reply to President Coolidge. "H.M. the Queen is very grateful for your kind message, of which His Majesty will in due course be informed as soon as his strength permits."

**GOVERNMENT AID
FOR MINERS.****AREAS "ADOPTED" BY
TOWNS.****CHILDREN'S HEALTH.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

It is generally anticipated that in the course of his statement in the Commons on Monday on distress in the mining areas, the Prime Minister will announce that the Government favour making an immediate and substantial grant to the Lord Mayor's fund for relief. If a treasury contribution is made it will probably be accompanied by an appeal to the public to continue to respond liberally to the fund, and by a statement indicating the extent of the problem.

The recent development of the methods whereby relief is afforded takes the form of the adoption of special areas in the coalfields by towns and districts in other parts of the country in which trade is good and there is little unemployment. Inquiries by the authorities indicate that up to the present children have not suffered physically owing to the distress, and exaggerated reports to the contrary may be disregarded.

M. KLOTZ WRONGED.**PANTHEON MONEY SAFE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PARIS, Dec. 13th.

It is ascertained that the money subscribed for the Inter-Allied Pantheon at Amiens, to commemorate the Anglo-French war dead, has been duly handed to the French Government.

It was stated yesterday that M. Klotz was the promoter of this scheme, and that no statement had been issued as to how the hundreds of millions of francs subscribed in France and England had been applied.

**DECEMBER "CRIMINAL
SESSIONS.****CASES ON THE CALENDAR.****CARVALHO YEO AND WATER
RATES.**

The December Criminal Sessions will begin on Tuesday, and there are several cases down for trial. Among the names on the calendar is Carvalho Yeo, indicted on charges of falsifying the Government Water Accounts and also for forgery.

Carvalho Yeo, it will be remembered, was sentenced to ten years' hard labour by Mr. Justice P. J. Jackson on November 26th. The case against him for alleged defalcation of the water accounts being then adjourned sine die. Although the case will be called, it is not likely that it will be proceeded with, as Mr. H. G. Sheldon, junior Crown counsel, in the recent case said that in all probability nothing further would be heard of this charge.

Other cases on the calendar are: Yuen Ping Kwan: (1) piracy with acts endangering life (2) piracy. Mowat Khan: rape. Ho Fu: piracy. Pun Tak and Ko Cho: robbery by two or more. The Lam Fuk: robbery by two or more.

**HEALTH BULLETIN OF
EASTERN PORTS.**

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending December 8th states:

Plague.

Rangoon: 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Poon Penh: 1 case, 1 death.
Eight infected rats found in Bombay zone 3; 2 found in Colombo zone 3, and 1 found in Cheribon.

Cholera.

Bombay: 1 death.
Calcutta: 39 deaths.
Tatocora: 1 case.
Bangkok: 2 cases.

Small-pox.

Suez: 11 cases.
Basrah: 5 cases, 4 deaths.
Bombay: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Calcutta: 4 cases, 2 deaths.
Nagasaki: 7 cases, 1 death.
Pondicherry: 4 deaths.
Belawan Deli: 1 case.
Samarinda: 1 case.
Sourabaya: 1 case.
Poon Penh: 23 cases, 9 deaths.
Shanghai: 6 deaths.
Canton: 4 cases.
Dairen: 2 cases.

**THE HOUSE OF
LORDS.****ITS CONSERVATIVE FUNC-
TION.****CHECK ON HEADLONG
LEGISLATION.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 13th.

Lord Clarendon's proposals for the reform of the House of Lords were again before the Upper Chamber to-day.

The Marquis of Reading (Liberal) said the proposals were a very distinct advance on the proposals of the Government which were put before the House last year by the late Lord Chansellor Cave. "All were agreed there must be reform of the House, with the object of giving all parties a fair representation therein. Hitherto it had been impossible to devise any plan which would obtain the universal assent of their Lordships."

Quite Impossible.

Continuing, Lord Reading said any scheme of reform agreeable to their Lordships would also have to gain the assent of the people of the country. An examination of Lord Clarendon's proposals, however, had convinced him that it was quite impossible to accept them in their present form. They must result in a predominantly Conservative membership of the House.

To proceed to the election of 150 Peers by proportional representation or cumulative vote of the Peers themselves must inevitably result in a very large majority of Conservative Peers out of that 150.

Proposals Eliminated.

Lord Newton moved an amendment limiting Lord Clarendon's proposals to the preamble, which declared the desirability of limiting the number of members of the House of Lords and making provision for the elective representation of the Peerage and such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political party a fair position in the House. This would eliminate Lord Clarendon's actual proposals.

Lord Clarendon accepted the amendment, and expressed his willingness also to substitute the word "reduce" for "limit."

The Marquis of Salisbury, replying for the Government, said the difficulty on this question lay rather in the House of Commons. How could the Government be identified with any special method of reform until its supporters in the Commons were able to come to some agreement?

Ought To Be Conservative.

Referring to the particular proposals of Lord Clarendon, he said he thought the Second Chamber ought, on the whole, to be Conservative. It was meant to be a check on careless or headstrong legislation. But the Government could not identify itself with Lord Clarendon's proposals. It must not accept a sketch until it was prepared to fill in the whole picture, and in this Parliament it had not the time.

Lord Newton's amendment was adopted by 52 votes to 8.

**DOCTOR'S DEFENCE IN
MURDER TRIAL.****WITNESS-BOX STORY OF
GOLD COAST DRAMA.**

KUMASI (Ashanti), Nov. 18th.

Dramatic evidence was given here to-day when Dr. Benjamin Knowles, M.C., who is being tried on a charge of murdering the woman who was accepted as his wife, formerly Miss Madge Clifton, the music-hall star, who was married to Mr. G. A. Street, made a statement in his own defence.

The statement lasted three hours, and Dr. Knowles did not conclude when the court adjourned till tomorrow. He spoke in a clear, steady voice.

He had many papers and copious notes, to which the prosecution objected, pointing out that police witnesses were not permitted to have notes while in the witness-box.

The judge overruled the objection, saying: "I see no reason why Dr. Knowles should not have papers to assist him. You must remember that he is being tried for his life."

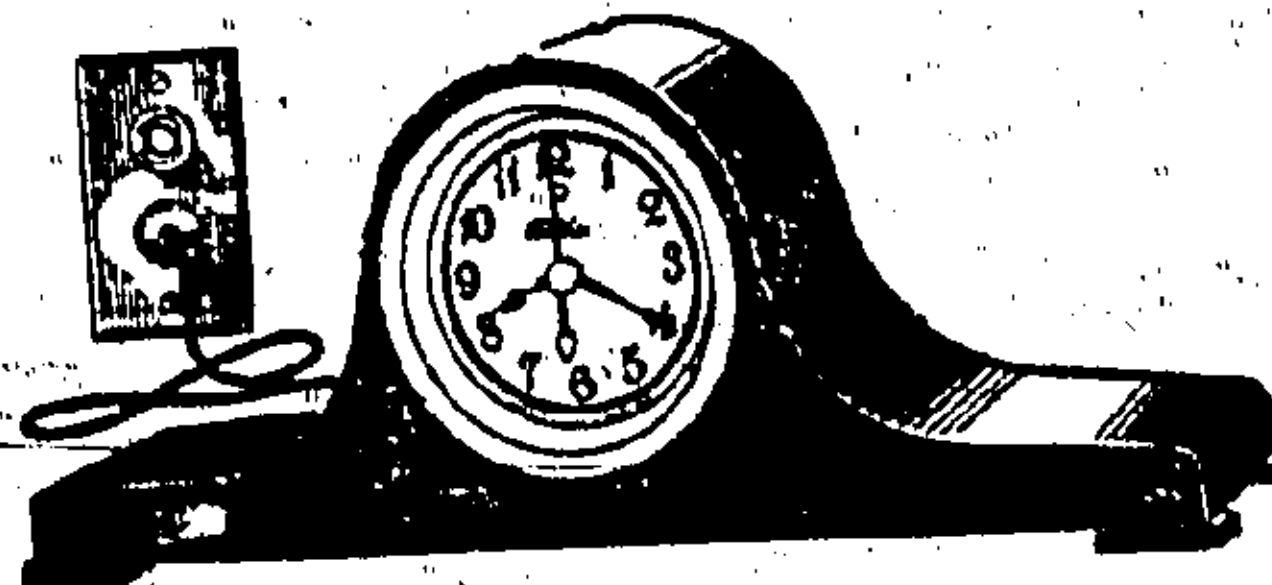
Dr. Knowles' line of defence is that he was an accident.

Almost Asleep.

He stated that he was in bed and almost asleep, having previously taken a sleeping draught, because of having had several sleepless nights, when he saw his wife undressing to go to bed. Suddenly he heard a shot fired, and jumped out of bed. She said, "My God! I am shot!" Blood was flowing down her left side from a wound.

He attended to her and plugged the wound. She was in great pain, and she said she was afraid people would say she had committed suicide.

The Commissioner of Police was in the box for three and a half hours on Saturday. A large Army revolver was produced, and he endeavoured to prove that it was almost impossible for this type of revolver to go off by accident—in fact, he said, it needed a very strong pull of the trigger to discharge it.

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A burning itching sensation and gnawing aching pains which extend from the extremity of the bowel to the small of the back are prominent symptoms of piles (or hemorrhoids), often there is great loss of blood. Operation used to be the only cure. But since the advent of Zam-Buk, thousands swear by this magical soothing and healing balm. Besides stopping pain and bleeding, it stops the inflammation, congestion and swelling, and cures when all else fails.

Mr. W. Shurety, now living at Dagenham, Essex, England, was twenty-one years in India and Mesopotamia and a Farrier Q.M.S. in the Indian Army. He says:—"The piles started when I was on the North West Frontier. The bleeding was severe and the pains agonizing—just like the cutting of a knife. On leaving the Service I was in a terrible state. But I followed my employment as a Commissioner in the City as long as I could.

"My doctor then ordered me to hospital for operation, but I met a chap who recommended me to try Zam-Buk. On the third day the piles were gone. The inflammation, congestion and swelling

swelling and bleeding were greatly lessened. Soon I was able to get about in comfort and on the seventh day I returned to work. However, to make sure that the cure was lasting I kept on with Zam-Buk for a while. But the piles have never troubled me since."

For eczema, ulcers, bad legs, ringworm, scalp sores, poisoned wounds, abscesses, itch, insect bites, cuts, burns, scalds, bruises, sprains, etc., Zam-Buk is unequalled. Guaranteed free from all animal fats. Obtainable in handy size boxes of all dispensaries and medicine-dealers. Agents:—Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd., 20, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY ON THE HONG KONG F.C. GROUND.

LAI WAH CUP: FINAL.

China v. Army. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.; Linesmen: Messrs. T. G. Stokes and F. Smith.

The teams:—
CHINA:—Pau Ka Ping (South China); Ng Kam Chuen (China Ath.); Leung Yuk Tong (China Ath.); Wong Shui Wah (China Ath.); and Lam Yuk Ying (China Ath.);
ARMY:—Mott (Beds and Herts); Hooper (Queen's Regt.) and Martin (K.O.S.B.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Hill (Queen's Regt.) and Skings (K.O.S.B.); Cross (Beds and Herts); Stock (K.O.S.B.); Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Leach (R.A.) and Caldwell (Queen's Regt.).

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION.

For the final to-day, the teams representing China and the Army have been carefully chosen and the game should be a very keen and interesting one. A large crowd is expected and the crowd promises to be a record one. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has signified his intention of being present and should the result be definite, His Excellency will present the Lai Wah Cup to the winning team and miniature cup to each player of the successful team.

The cup was presented by the Lai Wah Company for Annual Competitions among chosen teams. Winners to date are:

1925 Civilians.
1926 Civilians.
1927 The Army.
1928 Civilians.

China, who up to the present has not won the trophy, is strongly represented to-day. Fung King Cheong, South China's centre-forward, will lead the attack. The only other representative of the South China team is Pau Ka Ping, who will keep goal. These are two of the Colony's most promising young players and will be well to the front in this game. The rest of the China team will be drawn from the China Athletic.

The Army will miss the services of Sims who has played for them in representative matches during his tour in Hong Kong. The Army

inside forwards are a goal scoring trio and the China defence may expect a busy time. Cross and Mott, of the Beds and Herts Regt., are new comers, but they have been doing great things at the Northern port. The Queen's Regt. have three representatives, while the Garrison Regt. (K.O.S.B.) has been called upon to furnish five. Gee (Beds and Herts) has been selected to stand by. This player gave a good account of himself in the last Interport game at Shanghai. Other reserves are Excell (R.A.) and Cantor (Queen's Regt.).

The game will be of ninety minutes duration and should the teams then be equal, extra time, ten minutes each way will be played.

OTHER GAMES.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.
Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong Police, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: P.O. Cowan.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.
China Athletic Reserve v. South China "A," Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Lawrence.

Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.
Eastern F.C. v. Queen's Regt. Res., China Athletic ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

St. Joseph's v. Royal Navy Res. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sergt. Clark.

Small Units Res. v. Kowloon Res., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Club de Recreo Res. v. R.A. Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Lee-Corpl. Shead.

LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY.

The concluding rounds of the first Open Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony are fixed for to-day and to-morrow on the courts of the Chinese Recreation Club, and some very interesting contests are expected. Keen rivalry prevails among the remaining four successful pairs who will feature this afternoon, in the semi-finals, the respective winners meeting to-morrow in the final. Play to-day commences at 2.45 p.m. when the first semi-final will be decided, at the conclusion of which the second will start.

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GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING.

9.30 a.m.	A. B. Stewart and D. G. MacDonald.
9.35	O. E. C. Marton and R. H. Hollis.
9.40	S. T. Butlin and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.45	E. R. Hallifax and T. G. Bennett.
9.52	G. E. Towns and J. Cameron.
9.58	W. J. Roberts and D. H. Perry.
10.00	R. A. Campbell and M. W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.
10.04	A. B. Parvaz and J. S. MacLaren.
10.08	A. Morley and D. M. Goodall.
10.12	E. P. Fletcher and S. M. Monroe.
10.16	D. W. McWhirter and A. Webster.
10.20	C. B. Riggs and H. W. Beveridge.
10.24	A. E. Lissaman and H. U. Ireland.
10.28	R. M. Chaloner and H. Spicer.
10.32	C. B. Johnson and A. B. Rayworth.
10.36	A. Leach and F. A. Merry.
10.40	C. G. Holmes and G. R. Horridge.
10.44	L. Garner and G. E. Mitchell.
10.48	J. H. Davy and H. N. Laver.
10.52	J. M. Walker and I. W. Sheehan.
10.56	A. H. Ferguson and L. R. Andrews.
11.00	R. A. Green and F. M. Ellis.
11.04	T. L. Christie and J. H. Rakkes.
11.08	J. M. Norrie and J. Gardner.
11.12	A. E. Wood and Major Beamish.
11.16	C. W. Jeffries and L. J. Blackburn.
11.20	A. R. Cox and C. J. Waddell.
11.24	J. Fleming and J. P. Sherry.
11.28	T. S. Morrison and D. Smith.
11.32	Major Hull and F. G. Fowle.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. COMBINED LEAGUE.

The following have been selected to represent the University, Past and Present, in their annual match against the Combined League to-day at 2.30 p.m. sharp on the home ground.—A. A. Runjahn (captain), Dr. D. Laing, T. E. Yeoh, E. Zimmern, C. W. Lam, W. Hoang Sing, S. M. Gittins, A. P. Gutierrez, F. I. Zimmern, E. A. Lee and A. T. Lee.

H.K.C.C. UNDER 30 v. OVER 30.

On H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-day:—
Under 30:—A. C. I. Bowker (captain), H. E. Armstrong, J. Bonnar, C. Bradley, H. F. Ewins, H. V. Parker, V. W. L. Station, J. A. Summers, R. H. D. Wade, C. D. Wales, and L. Goldman.
Over 30:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), Capt. A. N. Evers, Major D. Gay, W. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. Reid, Col. T. A. Robinson, and W. K. Tait.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

The following Ladies have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the St. Andrews' Young Men's Club, at King's Park to-day at 2.30:—
Misses M. B. Bird, B. Laing, M. Wallace, E. O'Hagen, E. R. Bell, R. Taylor, I. C. Bell, W. McNeillie, D. Stanion, M. Hansen, and Mrs. M. J. Jarvis.

BASKET BALL.

The Y.M.C.A. second team last night beat the St. Andrews' Young Men's Club by 10 points to 8.

F.A. CUP REPLAY.

LUTON BEATS FULHAM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 13th.
Fulham were eliminated from the English Cup Competition to-day, Luton winning by 4 goals to one.

The self-sualists are:—

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham v. Lieut. and Mrs. Hale.
Miss Enid Lo. and M. W. Lo v. Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

PONSFORD INJURED.

AUSTRALIA BAT ALL DAY.

A crowd of 20,000 had collected at Sydney to see the opening of the second Test Match. There had been some early morning rain, but the wicket was not affected, and the players took the field in bright sunshine. Ryder won the toss, and sent in Woodfull and Richardson to face the bowling of Larwood and Geary.

The batsmen were scoring steadily and the half century had just been signalled when Larwood clean bowled Richardson. Kippax soon fell to Geary and lunch was taken with the score at 68 for 2 wickets. At this point Ponsford had scored 2.

Ponsford's Accident.

In the second over after lunch, when Larwood was bowling, Ponsford attempted to turn a ball which kicked up nastily. The ball struck him on the back of the left hand and fractured a bone in his little finger. It is feared that he will be unable to play again for another two or three weeks. A subsequent X-ray examination showed that certainly one and possibly two bones had been broken. The score had been raised to 75 when Ponsford was forced to retire.

Woodfull played a patient and skilful innings of 173 minutes for his 68, in the course of which he hit four 4's. Hendry had the same number of boundaries to his credit when he hit over a ball which rose sharply. When the fourth wicket fell, Geary had the wonderful analysis of 7-4-7-3. Tea was taken with the score at 163 for 4.

Oldfield's Triumph.

The crowd had increased to 40,000 on the resumption, and they saw Ryder increase his score from 4 to 93 before falling a victim to Geary. His excellent innings lasted for 55 minutes, in the course of which he hit three 4's. Oldfield played a very plucky innings at a most critical period, and at the drawing of stumps he was still undefeated with 40 runs to his credit. At this point Geary's analysis read 18-5-3-5.

Score:—

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w. b 68

Geary 27

V. Richardson, b Larwood 29

A. F. Kippax, b Geary 9

W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt 5

H. T. Hendry, b Geary 37

J. S. Ryder, l.b.w. b Geary 93

O. F. Nothling, b Larwood 8

W. A. Oldfield, not out 40

C. V. Grimmett, run out 9

D. Blackie, b Geary 8

Extras 15

Total 251

H. Ironmonger to bat.

Fall of the wickets:—

1/51; 2/63; 3/152; 4/153; 5/171;

6/193; 7/222; 8/251.

The M.C.C. team is:—

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent),

J. C. White (Somerset),

D. R. Jardine (Surrey),

Hobbs (Surrey),

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire),

Hendren (Middlesex),

Tate (Sussex),

Larwood (Notts),

Hammond (Gloucester),

Geary (Leicester),

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HONG KONG.

DECEMBER 16th, 1928—Advent III.

Sunday:—

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Children's Service at 10 a.m.

Peak Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Matins at 11 a.m.

Preacher:—The Dean.

Holy Communion at 12 noon.

Evangelist at 6 p.m.

Preacher:—Rev. H. V. Koop.

Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

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SUNDAY SERVICES, December 16th, 1928,

at 11.15 a.m.:—

Subject:—"God The Preserver of

MAN."

The Sunday School is held on Sunday

Mornings at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30

p.m.

Reading Room at above address, open:—

Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Monday and Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m.

The Public is cordially invited to attend

the services and visit the Reading Room.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

KOWLOON.

SUNDAY, December 16th, 1928—3rd

Sunday in Advent:—

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School Service.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and

Sermon.

Preacher:—The Vicar.

2.45 p.m.—Sunday Schools.

6.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and

Sermon.

Preacher:—The Rev. J. J.

Hodgins, C.F.

WEDNESDAY, December 19th, 1928:—

6.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and

President Liner

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UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

MATRICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

The Matriculation Honours List for November this year is as follows:

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Chow Koxik (distinction in trigonometry); Li K. Tung (distinction in mathematics, geography, physics and trigonometry); Ling Kam Hon (distinction in physics); Harbans Singh (distinction in Urdu, physics, chemistry and trigonometry); So Kai Sang (distinction in chemistry); Wong Mung Fay (distinction in physics and higher mathematics).

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Tia Meng Ear (distinction in trigonometry); Shu Ling (distinction in history and trigonometry); F. A. Gill (distinction in history, higher mathematics and trigonometry); E. F. Goncalves (distinction in English and trigonometry); M. H. Murphy (distinction in English, French, trigonometry and mechanics); Pak Chongchareon (distinction in trigonometry and mechanics); Albert Thomas (distinction in French and trigonometry); H. W. Wing Lee (distinction in trigonometry and mechanics).

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—D. J. N. Anderson (distinction in English, mathematics, physics, trigonometry and mechanics); S. A. Broadbridge (distinction in geography and trigonometry); A. T. Nomanthony (distinction in physics and trigonometry); Wong Sui Shing (distinction in trigonometry).

KING'S COLLEGE—Chiu Put Po (distinction in chemistry); SACRED HEART SCHOOL—Tsang Koon Cook (distinction in history and trigonometry); CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL—E. L. Hayes (distinction in English, mathematics and trigonometry); E. A. Hosford (distinction in English, history and trigonometry).

PRIVATE STUDY—W. J. C. Fletcher (distinction in trigonometry and mechanics); SENIOR LOCAL HONOURS LIST: QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Douglas Hunt; Tse Keng In.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—Chau Chu Wan (distinction in trigonometry); Ho Siew Um (distinction in mechanics); ST. MARY'S SCHOOL—Carmen M. da Silva (distinction in needlework); ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE—Choy Oi Chee (distinction in Biblical knowledge and music); MARIAN CONVENT—Marie Yas.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL—J. A. M. Black (distinction in English and trigonometry); * Qualified for Matriculation. Matriculation Pass List: QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Cheung King Chiu; Chung Shing Hei; S. H. Ho; Jack Chiu (distinction in trigonometry); Li Fuk Fai; Li Yung Wan; Tam Yuk Tsun (distinction in trigonometry); Wat Hoi Ki (distinction in trigonometry); Yeung Shu Hung (distinction in mathematics, trigonometry and book-keeping).

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Cheung Wai Man (distinction in mathematics); Kong Yue Kau (distinction in trigonometry); Lai Woot Ki; Tong Shing (distinction in trigonometry); Tse Chu Chuen (distinction in trigonometry); Wong Yuk Shu (distinction in trigonometry); ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—Chao Pao Yung (distinction in trigonometry); A. F. Noronha; J. C. Quance; C. F. Rosario; C. M. C. Victor (distinction in trigonometry); Woo Pak Chuen (distinction in trigonometry); ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE—Chan Lee Kok (distinction in history); Li Man Yick.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—Chow Hon Shu (distinction in trigonometry); A. S. A. Kyum (distinction in trigonometry); Lee Ian Pit; W. A. Thomson (distinction in trigonometry); Wan Kat Lam (distinction in trigonometry); Wee Chai Eng; Wee Chai Gee; M. M. Yahyabhooy.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE—Chan Kwong Ching; Chang Yung Shing; Kuo Pek Pe; Lee Lock; Tan Chu Song; Tse Eng List; KING'S COLLEGE—Lau Shing Ki; Leung Mo Shun (distinction in trigonometry); Ng Yee Sin.

PRIVATE STUDY—W. Hunt; Lim Bo Chin; Quek Cheng Kim; Shum Ip Kwong (distinction in mechanics); Chan Shu Fatt; BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Fung Miu Tsing; Ho Siu Hing; Ng Po Yung; Wong Lai Wan.

FRENCH CONVENT—Rose Perry. The following have qualified for entry into the Medical Faculty: William Lai Fook; Tay Kam Swan; R. Leong.

Senior Local Pass List.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Chan Po Ying; Chow Ho Man (distinction in trigonometry); Chui Ping Kuen; Li Kai Ying; Lo Hoi Lu; Ng Woo.

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Lau Ip Yuen (distinction in trigonometry); Leung Yuen Chung; Ma Shung Chi; Mok Ping Nam; Ng Tsun Fan; Tang Ning Wah; Wong Chak Chuen; Wong Kam Shuen; Luk Kong Leung.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—Chao Wing Ki; C. M. Xavier. ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE—Chan Kai Sum; Pong Tak Ming; Tang Kai Chiu; Tse Wai Lam.

TUTORIAL INSTITUTE—Chan Sau Ping; Fong Yatt Jiao; Kan Lai To; Tan Cho Cher; Tsoi Kwong Shiu (distinction in trigonometry); Wong Ka Chie; Wong Lam Kei.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—Ma Chiu Chong; B. Wong; Wong Ki Hui.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press Demonstration Programme. Records. Chinese and European Music.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report. 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"Maritana" Overture. Columbia Symphony Orch.

"Petit Suite De Concert". Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Peer Gynt Suite". Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Farewell Blues". "My Gal Sal". Charleston Chasers.

"In Waiting for Ships that never Come In". "Joline". Tracy-Brown's Orchestra.

"Ten Little Miles from Town". "Out of the Dawn". Paul Ash Dance Orchestra.

"Little Log Cabin of Dreams". "That's My Mammy". The Radiolites.

"My Little Covered Wagon". "Moments with You". Eddie Thomas' Collegians.

"Tom Jones". Selections. Grenadier Guards Band.

"Evening Song". "The Storm". Organ Solo by Pattman.

"Foolin' Time". "When the Moon Comes". Les Reisman's Dance Orch.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press. "Sweet Lorraine". "If I can't have You". Gerald Mark's Dance Orch.

"Don't Wait Until the Lights are Low". "You're a Real Sweetheart". Broadway Niteklites.

"Cheerio". "One Step to Heaven". The Radiolites.

"Song Hits". Organ Medley by Quentin Maclean.

"Dream River". "All Day Long". Francis Craig's Dance Orch.

"Beautiful Face have a Heart". "Too Busy". Chicquet Club Eskimos.

"Right out of Heaven". "Lady Whippoorwill". Ben Selvin and his Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

PRIVATE STUDY—Ho Man Kwong. ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE—Ching Wong Fatt; George Lau; Ling Sung Kui (distinction in English); Yeung Sze Keung.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL—Leung Shu Yau. CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL—A. C. Maycock; R. H. A. Woolley (distinction in English); P. C. Hynes; M. L. W. Bryson; B. Budden (distinction in English); E. B. Moses.

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL—B. A. Remedios; Tse Tong Tai; F. D. Gomes.

ITALIAN CONVENT—A. Albuquerque; L. Cheung; H. Silva; Tam Bick Hing; M. Geag; M. de la Sala; Annie Tse; Cecilia Tse.

Mary Tse. ST. MARY'S SCHOOL—I. Pestonji (distinction in English); T. Sanchez; W. Wong; A. Britto; D. Gosano; B. Remedios; S. Remedios; I. S. Remedios; C. V. Ribeiro; E. Rosario.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE—Au Yuet Hang; Chan Shuk Hang; Chan Wai Lan; Cheng Mei Hing; (distinction in Biblical knowledge); Ho Hon Sum; Kwok Pui Chee; Kwok Wai Fun; Law Pui Yee; I. Mok; O. Surh (distinction in Biblical knowledge).

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL—E. L. Bataha (distinction in domestic science); P. Broadbridge (distinction in domestic science); M. Chan Tong; E. Kew; E. Lang; E. Lee Mong Kow; M. Wong.

FRENCH CONVENT—L. Chue, D. Hirschberg; S. Hong; R. O. Pau. * Qualified for Matriculation.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

BRO. MARCIAN'S TRIBUTE TO BRO. JOSEPH.

OLD BOYS' GATHERING.

The concert given by the members of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association in the College Hall was very well attended. The Rev. Brother Marcan, the Deputy President of the Association, made an eloquent appeal to the old boys of the College to give their support to the Association. The concert which was thoroughly enjoyed included selections of Hawaiian melodies by the well known "Serenaders." Mr. John Braga captured the hearts of his audience with his violin solo, and Mr. C. Da Aquino sang a song from the Opera "Dinora." Incidentally, all performers were old boys of the College.

The address given by Brother Marcan before the interval was as follows:—

Our best thanks are due to Rev. Fr. Riganti, Mr. Baptista and those who have been a helping hand in the work of preparing this concert.

One Concert will finish this evening. There is another which ought to be continually in progress. Each has got a part to play on the stage of life and the chief aim of our Association is to help him to play it with honour to himself and to his Alma Mater.

The first step towards this end is to register as members. If there are any Old Boys present, who have not done so, they will be given an opportunity during the "Interval." The Secretary is here and I hope he will be kept busy.

In order to carry out our plans, we must have resources, and if each gives his mite, they will be ample.

The Late Bro. Joseph.

A word as to some proposed items of our programme of the Association. All Old Boys have known the late Bro. Joseph but few have fully realised the extent of his services.

There are psychologists who tell us that the most important period of our education, is that of early youth—between the ages of four and ten years. If this is true, we may form an idea of the influence for good, exerted by Brother Joseph during his twenty-seven years of devoted attention to the formation of the little ones who started their College career in Class Eight, on the first round of the ladder. It is fitting, then, that something should be done to perpetuate his memory. A very effective means of doing so, would be that suggested by some members of the Association, the establishment of one or more scholarships for the lower classes.

We are all grateful to Mr. Woo Hay Tong, for the scholarships he has founded, for the boys of class three and above. It would be well if there were some to lead up to these. The College does its part for the boys of limited means, but there must be an ample source of supply to the amount allotted for this purpose. Otherwise, some promising boys may be kept out of school, during the best years of their lives. A timely helping hand, might be the means of putting them on the road to useful life. We sincerely hope there will be resources forthcoming for this laudable work.

The Committee proposes that there should be an annual dinner some time in January; the date is not yet fixed.

As to the development of our Library, it must depend on the resources in hand. If some Honorary Members would come forward with donations, it would improve the situation greatly.

As Christmas is already on the horizon, I wish to avail myself of the occasion



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Shipping News Daily Statement, Waterfront News. Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN CARGO TOTALS.

GOOD BRITISH THROUGH FREIGHT.

There were only eleven arrivals and twenty-one departures for the 24 hours, ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and general merchandise discharged from Hong Kong and carried through was about average. There were four British arrivals and eleven departures. British imports were only fair, but through freight were good.

Ten vessels discharged 9,095 tons of imports of which 2,591 tons were contributed by three British ships. The s.s. *Tijmonnek* (Dutch) from Balikpapan and Batavia had 4,605 tons of general cargo, and the s.s. *Carmarthenshire* (British) from London and Singapore discharged 1,977 tons.

Through freight carried by eight vessels amounted to 15,341 tons of which 3,981 tons were carried by four British ships. The s.s. *Kashmir* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai was the best carrier with 4,500 tons of merchandise, the s.s. *Kama Maru* (Japanese) from the same ports, coming second with 3,920 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	11
French	2	0
Dutch	1	1
German	1	1
Japanese	1	2
Chinese	2	3
Italian	0	1
Total	11	21

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Carmarthenshire (British) arrived from London and Singapore with 1,977 tons of sulphate ammonia and general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,900 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Kashmir (British) arrived from Yokohama and Shanghai with 4,500 tons of merchandise, ground nuts, silk and general cargo for other ports.

Ningpo (British) arrived from Shanghai and Wuhu with 1,668 tons of rice for this port.

Hanchow (British) arrived from Shanghai and Amoy with 612 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 925 tons for through ports.

Limchow (French) arrived from Haiphong and Hoihow with 200 tons of rice, coal and general cargo and 1,101 heads of pigs for Hong Kong and 700 tons of coal for Canton.

Tonkin (French) arrived from Haiphong with 1,050 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong.

Tijmonnek (Dutch) arrived from Batavia and Balikpapan with 4,605 tons of sugar, arab. cotton, paraffine wax, and lubrication oils for this port and 2,924 tons for through ports.

Remscheid (German) arrived from Bremen and Singapore with 749 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 8,897 tons for through ports.

Kamo Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Shanghai with 30 tons of refined sugar and pig lard for Hong Kong and 3,920 tons of cotton goods and general cargo for through ports.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, Dec. 17th.
President Jackson, Dec. 21st.
Australian-oriental Line.
Taipei, January 4th.
Changie, February 8th.

Bank Line.
City of Madras, Dec. 22nd.
City of Chester, Dec. 27th.
Leverbank, January 6th.
City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.
City of Peking, January 19th.
City of Baroda, February 1st.

Ben Line.
Benarty, Dec. 18th.

Sine Tunnel Line.
Aeneas, to-morrow.
Proterius, Dec. 19th.
Glaucus, December 20th.

Hector, Dec. 24th.
Atrius, Dec. 24th.
Thetis, Dec. 30th.

Thetis, January 6th.
Perseus, January 8th.
Talthybius, January 8th.

Sarpedon, January 10th.
Emachus, January 11th.
Lycaon, January 12th.

Ningchow, January 13th.
Automedon, January 19th.
Tydeus, January 20th.

Izion, January 29th.
Dolius, January 31st.
Kecumun, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.
Philoctetes, February 3rd.
Patroclus, February 7th.

Phemius, February 7th.
Autolykus, February 8th.
Demodocus, February 10th.

Hellerophon, February 20th.
Euryades, February 24th.
Troilus, February 24th.

Tyndareus, February 24th.
Agapenor, Mar. 7th.
Atenor, March 7th.

British-India and Apcar Line
Gazana, Dec. 18th.

Talamba, December 22nd.
Santhia, December 31st.

Tilawa, January 11th.
Takliwa, January 17th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, Dec. 20th.

Dollar S.S. Line.
President Monroe, to-day.

President Pierce, Dec. 17th.
East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).

Malaya, to-day.
Panama, Dec. 20th.

Danmark, Dec. 21st.
Java, January 30th.

Australis, February 11th.
Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, December 28th.
Ararua, January 7th.

Tanda, February 4th.
Glen Line.

Glenahine, January 7th.
Gleniffer, January 9th.

Cardigan, January 21st.
Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Hamburg-America Line.
Sachsen, December 19th.

Saarland, Dec. 21st.
Emil Kirdorf, Jan. 7th.

Havelland, Jan. 20th.
Havensstein, Feb. 1st.

Leverkuhn, February 14th.
Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjilbeek, December 17th.
Tjipondari, December 19th.

Tjipora, Dec. 24th.
Messageries Maritimes.

Athos II., December 18th.
Portoth, December 18th.

Chenonceau, January 1st.
D'Arignan, January 1st.

Sphinx, January 15th.
General Metinger, Jan. 29th.

Paul Ica, February 15th.
Andre Lebon, Feb. 29th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

S.S. "CARMARTHENSIRE."
FIRST VOYAGE AFTER FIRE
LAST JULY.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The s.s. *Carmarthenshire* (British) arrived from London and Singapore. This is her first voyage since the fire in July last, which broke out just after she left the East India Docks on a voyage to the Far East. The fire, which started in the hold, was noticed while the vessel was still in the Thames and, though everything possible was tried to extinguish it, she had finally to be beached.

The *Carmarthenshire* which is one of the Glen liners of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, has been refitted at the cost of over £35,000. She was built in 1915 by Messrs. Workman Clark & Co., Ltd., of Belfast, and has a net tonnage of 4,668 tons. The local agents are Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. She has 1,677 tons of sulphate of ammonia and general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,900 tons general cargo for other ports, and is under the command of Captain W. N. Back with a crew of 98, of whom 33 are British.

Notification To Mariners.

A Notification to Mariners has been posted at the Harbour Office as follows:—

"A Conical Whistle Buoy is reported in latitude 15 deg. 45' N., and Long. 111 deg. 43' E. on December 13th by the s.s. *Tijmonnek*."

Death From Beri-Beri.

The master of the s.s. *Tijmonnek* (Dutch) arriving from Batavia and Balikpapan, reports that a Chinese stevedore passenger died from beri-beri on December 9th and was buried at sea.

Low Water In West River.

The masters of the West River boats arriving here from Kowloon and Wuchow all report the water in the River to be falling. The tide at Wuchow is now showing one foot two inches above zero, which is nearly a low water record. At Samshui the marks are 10 below zero. Navigational difficulties are predicted should there be no rain in the near future.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Five vessels brought 644 Asiatic Deck Passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Morioka Maru, to-day.

Hakodate Maru, Dec. 17th.
Bingo Maru, Dec. 18th.

Delagoa Maru, Dec. 18th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 18th.

Sado Maru, for Dec. 18th.
Abi Maru, Dec. 20th.

Dakar Maru, Dec. 21st.
Hakone Maru, Dec. 23rd.

Mito Maru, Dec. 25th.
Nagato Maru, Dec. 26th.

Katori Maru, Dec. 26th.
Malacca Maru, Dec. 26th.

Rangoon Maru, Dec. 26th.
Tenjo Maru, Dec. 30th.

Toyoko Maru, Dec. 30th.
Tamla Maru, Dec. 31st.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Coblentz, to-day.

Fulda, Dec. 17th.
Main, Dec. 22nd.

Trier, Jan. 13th.
Lahn, January 30th.

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"KASHMIR"	8,985	15th Dec., Noon	Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	10,033	22nd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	5th Jan., 1929	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Jan.	Marseilles, London and Hall.
"ALPORE"	5,373	24th Jan.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,953	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hall.
"MADEIRA VIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,307	9th Mar.	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dm, S'ta
"KHIVA"	9,145	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hall.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar.	do.
"MALWA"	10,930	30th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"NALDERA"	10,033	13th Apr.	S'ta, Mars., & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th May	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"RAIPUTANA"	10,563	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.

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"SANTIA"	7,754	29th Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,033	5th Feb.	do.
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"TANDA"	6,956	1st Mar.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"PRESILLIAN"	—	17th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"GAZAN"	5,284	20th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ALPORE"	5,373	1st Jan., 1929	Moji & Kobe.
"SANTIA"	7,754	2nd Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"MOREA"	10,953	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"TILAWA"	10,033	12th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"PADUA"	5,307	18th Jan.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,933	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	6,919	22nd Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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